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India Scotches For Kashmir

PILLAI DECLINES TO HOLD TALKS ON TERMS OF SERVICE OF PLEBISCITE ADMINISTRATOR

LAKE SUCCESS, May 20 (Reuter): India today rejected the appointment of a United Nations Kashmir Plebiscite Administrator as at present proposed by the Security Council because of objections to some of the functions assigned to him.

Requested by Mr. Trygve Lie, United Nations Secretary-General, to state when he wished to begin negotiations on the Administrator's terms of service, Mr. P. P. Pillai, Indian representative at the United Nations, replied that he "did not think it would be useful" to discuss the subject.

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

Here is the exchange of letters between Mr. Lie and Mr. Pillai.

From Mr. Trygve Lie:

"I have the honour to advise you that in accordance with Paragraph 10 (D) of the resolution of the Security Council on the India-Pakistan question adopted on April 21, 1948, I am prepared to undertake the negotiation with your Government concering the terms of service of the Plebiscite Administrator. For this purpose I have designated Mr. A. A. Sobolev and Dr. Ivan Kerno, Assistant Secretary-General to act on my behalf. It will be appreciated if you will inform me when you wish to begin such negotiations."

PILLAI'S REPLY

From Mr. Pillai:

"I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter enquiring when it would be possible for me to enter into negotiations with your representatives concerning the terms of service of the Plebiscite Administrator referred to in the resolution adopted by the Security Council on April 21, 1948, on the India-Pakistan question.

"The Government of India have already communicated to the President of the Security Council that it is not possible for them to implement those parts of the resolution against which their objections have been clearly stated by their delegation.

"The conditions under which a free and fair plebiscite can be taken cannot be established under the resolution in its present form. In particular, the Government of India have taken exception to some of the functions which it is proposed to entrust to the Plebiscite Administrator, e.g., the direction and supervision of the State forces and police (B. 8 of the resolution) and the appointment of special magistrates nominaged by the Plebiscite Administrator to hear cases which in his opinion have a serious bearing on the preparation for and conduct of a free and impartial plebiscite (B. 10 (C.) of the resolution).

"In view of these considerations, I do not think it will be useful for me to discuss with your representatives the draft agreement on the terms of service of the Plebiscite Administrator, which you have enclosed in your letter."

100 CASUALTIES AMONG RAIDERS

JAMMU, May 20 (UPI): Raiders in the Rajaori area attempting to loot grains from the neighbouring villages were engaged by one of our patrols and dispersed. Parties of raiders seen moving in this sector came within the range of our artillery fire.

Our troops have captured a strongly held raiders' position north-east of Jhangar under the cover of effective fire provided by our artillery and mortar. It is estimated that 100 casualties were inflicted on the raiders. Our artillery in this sector also silenced enemy medium machine-gun fire and also dispersed approximately 250 raiders, and in the engagements that followed 16 raiders were killed and 120 wounded.

Madras Communist Paper Banned

MADRAS, May 20, (UPI): The Madras Government has banned the publication of the Communist Party's Tamil organ "Weekly Janasakti" published in Madras under the Madras Public Safety Act.

U. P. Minister's Wife Dead

LUCKNOW, May 20, (API): The death occurred today at 7 p.m. of Begum Sherwani (fifty-two), wife of Mr. Nisar Ahmed Sherwani, Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandary, U.P. Government. She was being treated for cancer for the last year and a half; but made no progress. Mr. Sherwani was at her bedside during her last moments.

MUNSHI FOR C. P. GOVERNORSHIP?

WARDHA, May 20, (I.P.A.): Indian Press Association understands that Mr. Mangaldas Pakwasa, Governor of C. P. and Berar is likely to go over to Orissa when Dr. Katju becomes Governor of Assam and Mr. K. M. Munshi, India's Agent-General in Hyderabad is likely to succeed Mr. Pakwasa.

GEN. NGUYEN ELECTED

Premier Of Provisional Government Of Vietnam

SAIGON, May 20. (Reuter): General Nguyen Van Xuan was to-day elected Premier of the first Provisional Government for all Vietnam (Indo-China).

The election took place at a meeting here of delegates from North, Central and South Vietnam.

General Nguyen is also Prime Minister of the Provisional Government of South Vietnam (Cochin-China).

Hanoi, capital of Tongking, was chosen as permanent seat of the Government and Hue, capital of Annam, as Vietnam's "mystic" capital. Part of the Government will be in Saigon.

U. S. MUST RUSH TO ASIA'S RESCUE

Lokanathan On Danger Of Communism In Far East

MADRAS, May 20 (UPA): The United States must admit responsibility for the development of Asian and Far Eastern countries and offer whatever assistance is necessary, Dr. P. S. Lokanathan, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East declared today.

He told the United Press of America, "It is an indisputable fact that progress could be made in Asia only if foreign assistance is forthcoming. Under present conditions such foreign help could primarily mean only the United States".

He said he hoped the American Government would authorize Ambassador Grady to make a "firm declaration of America's real interest in the work of ECAFE and her willingness to play a full part in the development of backward Asian countries. Such a declaration might well mark the turning point in the work of ECAFE and in the history of Asian industrial development.

Mr. Lokanathan criticized the attitude 'in certain American quarters' that European reconstruction must come first. He said simultaneous Asian development would contribute to European recovery because Asia provided natural outlets for the manufactured products of Europe. He said delay in Asian development would more than retard European reconstruction.

Lokanathan said, "Communist influence is growing in Asian countries and the real answer to the Communist challenge is the formulation of plans raising the living standard of Eastern populations as repidly as possible."

It was reliably reported that Grady is expected to make an important statement when the ECAFE Conference opens June 1 at Ootacamund.

SIAMESE EDITOR SHOT

BANGKOK, May 20 (UPA): An unidentified assailant shot Suri Thong-Wanich editor of the anti-Government 'SIANG THAI' news paper, who was reported in a critical condition today.

Suri was shot in the head Wednesday night.

U. N. O. Plan

SWISS MINISTER IN INDIA

H. E. Arnin Daeniker, Swiss Minister in India called on Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, on Wednesday at New Delhi.

"NIZAM HAS NO CHOICE"

People Of Hyderabad Will Establish Their Soverignty, Says State Congress Committee

MADRAS, May 20. (A.P.I.): A resolution adopted by the Committee of Action of Hyderabad State Congress at its meeting held in Madras today, stated:

"The Committee of Action of the Hyderabad State Congress is clearly of opinion that neither Mountbatten's special messages nor compromise moves of Pitti and his 'moderate' colleagues can possibly resolve the basic contradictions inherent in the historical development of Hyderabad's socio-political life without surrendering the basic democratic principles."

The resolution added: "the recent illusive firman of the Nizam and Mr. Laik Ali's commentary on it, particularly in the context of the planned and brutal atrocities committed by the police and Razakars, should have been an eye-opener to all.

"The people of Hyderabad, on the other hand, are finally determined to establish their sovereignty and wrest democratic freedom. They consider themselves part and parcel of India, and they claim no other culture and no other heritage than that of India. For them, the Hyderabad Traditions represent perpetual Fascist enslavement and communal aggrandisment and they have decided to cut themselves adrift from such traditions of slavery."

NO COMPROMISE OVER FUNDAMENTALS.

The Committee of Action, therefore, categorically declared:

(1) That there shall be no compromise over the fundamentals of accession and responsible Government, which are to-day the expression of the democratic freedom of the people.

(2) That the responsible Government shall be real and unfettered. It is the people and their organisation which shall decide as to who shall be their representatives, and there can be no question of choice by the ruler.

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Sardar To Meet Industrialists

Conference At Mussoorie On May 24

AHMEDABAD, May 20, (A.P.I.): It is understood that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister, has called leading industrialists and business men at Mussoorie on May 24 and 25 in connection with the Mahatma Gandhi National Memorial Fund. Two chartered planes will leave Bombay on Sunday for Mussoorie, in which Seth Ramanlal Lallubhai, President of the Ahmedabad Millowners' Association, and Seth Vadilal Lallubhai, M.L.A. (Central), will join from here while Seth Kasturbhai Lallubhai will join from Delhi.

"NEHRU PLAN FOR ASIA"

International Bank's Assistance Likely

NEW DELHI, May 20, (U.P.): Ever since Dr. Henry Grady U. S. Ambassador in India, made a reference to what he called a "Nehru Plan for Asia", the idea seems to have caught the imagination of statesmen and economists in Asia. Latest reports credit the Government of India with investigating the possibility of initiating an "Asian Marshall Aid" programme with financial assistance from the International Bank for reconstruction and development, of which India is one of the five large stock-holders.

Mr. Asaf Ali, while in America, is believed to have initiated a discussion on this issue and found ready sympathy of the American Administration for the plan. In London too, the scheme is said to be receiving favourable attention and Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon and Mr. Asaf Ali who are at present in New Delhi, are expected to discuss the implications of this plan with Pandit Nehru in the light of their discussions with the U.K. and U.S.A. Governments as to in what form the plan should be presented to the Economic Commission for Asia and Far East, when it meets at Ootacamund on June 1.

Indian Union Muslim League

Nominated Members Of Working Committee

MADRAS, May 19. (A.P.I.): Mr. M. Mohamed Ismail, M.L.A., President, Indian Union Muslim League in a statement to the press makes the following announcement:

In addition to myself and Mr. Mahboob Ali Baig, M.L.A., who are ex-officio members, the following have been nominated to the Working Committee of the Indian Union Muslim League: Haji Hassanally P. Ibrahim Sahib, M.L.A., Bombay, Rauf Shah Saheb, M.L.A., Nagpur, Pocker Sahib, M.L.A., Madras, K. T. M. Ahmed Ibrahim, M.L.A., Madras, A. A. Khan Sahib, M.L.A., Bombay, Abdul Khader Shaik Sahib, M.L.A., Bombay, Haji Mohamed Ismail Sahib, M.L.A., Bellary, K. M. Seethi Sahib, M.L.A., Tellicherry, Abdul Khader Hafizka Sahib, Bombay, M. A. Majeed Khan Sahib, South Coorg, H. M. Ismail Tabish Sahib, Bangalore, Mohamed Usuf Shariff Sahib, Nagpur, S. G. Kazi Sahib, Akola, Haroon Abdullah Banker Sahib, M.L.A., Akila.

Further names may be announced later.

COLONEL RAJAJI

NEW DELHI, May 20, (A.P.I.): His Excellency Sri Chakravarthi Rajagopalachari, Governor of West Bengal has been made an Honorary Colonel of the 5th (Bengal) Urban Infantry, Indian Territorial Force from February 27, 1948.

Siamese Ministers Withdraw Resignations

BANGKOK May 20. (Reuter): Lt.-Gen. Luang Chart Nakrob, Siamese Defence Minister, and his two deputies have withdrawn their resignations at the request of Premier Pibul Songgram.

PALESTINE BATTLE IN U. N. COUNCIL

LAKE SUCCESS, May 20. (Reuter): The United Nations' Truce Commission in Palestine said in a cable read to the Security Council here to-day that it was considered impossible to prevent Arab forces from occupying the entire Arab zone of Palestine.

Only the strongest diplomatic or military action could prevent the Arabs from seizing parts of the Jewish zone as well.

UKRAINE BLAMES BRITAIN.

M. Vassily Tarasenko (Ukraine) said Britain was responsible "both morally and juridically" for the operations of the Transjordan forces.

It was strange that in the Security Council, Sir Alexander Cadogan should discuss means of ending the trouble in Palestine on the one hand, while "on the other hand the British Government is doing everything possible to help one side in the hostilities", he said.

M. Tarasenko said Britain had obviously merely changed methods to maintain its hold on Palestine.

"Whether you call it a mandate or any other name, the British influence remains", he said.

A spokesman for the Arab Higher Committee, declared that the Arabs in Palestine, "the overwhelming majority of the country's inhabitants", had been forced by the Zionists to call for help from surrounding Arab States" in the interests of peace and order."

The Council adjourned until later in the day.

The Truce Commission's cable, received by the Council earlier, was sent by its Chairman, Mr. Jeon Nieuweinhuys (Belgium).

He said: "I called upon King Abdullah on Monday morning in Amman. I spoke to the King about the Security Council's concern over the advance of his troops in Palestine.

"The King answered with a tirade against the Jews, without giving any assurance that military operations would be stopped.

"As far as the whole of Palestine is concerned, we believe it is impossible to prevent the complete occupation of the Arab zone by the Arab States.

"In order to prevent or limit the attacks on the Jewish area, the only practical way seems to be a strong diplomatic or military pressure on the Arab States.

JERUSALEM ISSUE.

"As far as Jerusalem is concerned, the King stated that he was ready to abstain from intervention, if the Jews ceased all attacks against the Arabs".

The U. N. Security Council President Alexandre Parodi (France) also read two brief cables from the French Consul in Jerusalem telling of a successful Jewish link-up between the New and Old cities and of increased Arab shelling. The official reports of the stepped-up warfare in the Holy Land came as the diplomats gave up all hope of any foreful Council action to halt the Palestine fighting. The strongest action in prospect was a fresh appeal to the U.N. by the Security Council for cease-fire by both sides.

92 Skeletons Insured

SYDNEY, May 20, (Reuter): Australian insurance brokers have insured 92 skeletons of Chinese, who died in Australia, now being transferred by the Chinese Goon Yee Tong society to China for reburial. Rates were fixed on the basis of a value of from £10 to £30 a skeleton—representing the cost of digging them up and shipping.

FOREIGN PLANES HELD UP IN ITALY

ROME, May 20, (UPA): The Italian Government today held six foreign planes on suspicion they were 'en route' to Palestine when they landed in Rome and Sicily.

Officials at the Urbe airport, Rome, said three aircraft arrived from Nice Tuesday night 'en route' to Brindisi, Italy's jump-off point for Greece and Palestine. The other three planes landed at Catania, Sicily, Tuesday night. One was described as an Australian transport refitted for bombing purposes. The other two were tourist planes equipped as pursuit craft.

THREE KILLED IN DAKOTA CRASH

LONDON, May 20, (Reuter): Three of the crew were killed and one seriously injured when a Dakota freighter aircraft crashed into a wood near Bovingdon airfield, Hertfordshire, early today.

Two Killed In Plane Crash

ROME, May 20, (Reuter): An Englishman and a Canadian were killed when a tourist plane—reported to be part of a Jewish Air Force group flying to meet other planes in Greece—crashed in flames at Rome airport today.

Two other tourist planes flying with the crashed machine, which had come from Nice, landed and took off after refuelling.

Egyptian Army Crosses Sinai Desert

SYRIAN AND TRANSJORDAN TROOPS ALSO ADVANCE

Battle For Jerusalem Rages: Arab Legion Shells Jewish Positions

LONDON, May 20 (Reuter): Egyptian forces in their double-pronged invasion have crossed the Sinai desert, and seized the strategic town of Beersheba inland.

In their coastal advance they have now passed Gaza and taken a point on the railway three miles beyond their previous line.

SEVERE FIGHTING FOR BEERSHEBA

Sevese fighting before the taking of Arab Beersheba, 45 miles south-west of Jerusalem, was disclosed in today's surprise Communique announcing the advanse.

Arabs claimed to be mopping up the last Jewish posts in Jerusalem's old city, in a Communique from the Transjordan—eastern front—forces. Arab artillery also scored a direct hit on an ammunition dump in the new city, it was added.

Beir Suneid, capture of which was claimed in a special announcement by the Egyptian Defene Ministry, is eight miles beyond Gaza and three miles north of Beit Hanoun, Egyptian Army Operational Headquarters.

HAGANAH REPORT

Haganah said there was heavy fighting this morning in Jerusalem in Jerusalem old city, with the Arab Legion men attacking the Jewish quarter from Armenian and Moslem quarters.

In Galilee, three Jewish settlements were attacked by cannon-firing 'spitfires,' Haganah said, while during the night 1,000 Arab shells were fired at a waterworks in the Negev, South Palestine desert area.

JEWS TAKE ARAB VILLAGE

Jews occupied an Arab village in a forward thrust from Sarafand, between Tel-Aviv and Jerusalem.

Jews claimed another success close to the river Jordan, north of the Sea of Galilee, where they raided and completely destroyed a Syrian supply camp housing vehicles and heavy artillery.

SYRIAN SUCCESSES

But this came too late to relieve strong pressure on a cluster of settlements south of the Sea of Galilee, two of which, Massada and Sha Ar Hakila, near the Arab-held railway town of Samakh, fell to the Syrians. The Jews lost thirty killed there, according to a Syrian Communique.

Syrian aircraft knocked out three Jewish planes, it was claimed.

Beersheba was gaily flagged and cheering crowds welcomed the Egyptian forces into the town

Its importance lies in the fact that it straddles one of the two main roads leading from the Sinai desert northwards into Palestine and had to be occupied before the Egyptian troops could contemplate a drive to link up with the Transjordan forces coming in from the east

HEAVY JEWISH CASUALTIES.

A battle leading to the fall of Beersheba was fought in nearby Birket-el-Mara and fairly heavy casualties were inflicted on the Jews. The Arabs took some prisoners

The Egyptians' west prong took Beir Suneid only after a ten-hour battle. This strongly-fortified centre supplied other settlements in South Palestine with arms and ammunition. Egyptian infantry had to force their way through barbed wire and minefield defences to take it, after a shortening-up with guns and aircraft

Egyptian sappers were to-night preparing bridges blown up by the Jews who contested every inch of the ground.

ARAB LEGION BUSY.

Jews holding out in Hadassan Hospital and the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus, Jerusalem, were heavily shelltd by Arab Legion forces during the night, Haganah said. Both buildings were isolated when Legion forces captured the Sheikh Jarrah quafter of the city yesterday.

An Arab Legion officer said the Jews were firing back from these buildings and a monastry and declared: 'We do not want to destroy such places, but we may be forced to".

BOMBS ON TEL AVIV.

A dawn raider dropped three bombs on Tel Aviv to-day but caused no casualties and negligible damage.

King Abdullah of Transjordan told Arab military leaders in Amman that Jerusalem was "a second Stalingard" and that Jews were refusing to surrender and were turning their homes strongpoints, which the Arab Legion was battering terribly, it was reported to-night.

He considered the military situation

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SINEWS FOR PALESTINE CAMPAIGN

CAIRO, May 19, (Reuter): The Egyptian Parliament authorised the Government tonight to draw £5,000,000 from the State Reserve for the immediate needs of the Egyptian armed forces in Palestine.

This is in addition to £4,000,000 appropriated ten days ago for the same purpose.

The Government is also to float an internal loan of £3,000,000 to cover expenditure in the Palestine campaign.

Battle Fronts At A Glance

LONDON, May 20. (Reuter): Here is Reuter's survey of the positions on the Palestine fighting fronts to-day—sixth day of the Arab invasion—based on latest claims by both sides

SOUTHERN FRONT: EGYPTIANS: The Egyptian Army to-day claimed a two-prong advance from their operational headquarters at Beithanoun with one prong occupying the all-Arab town of Beersheba and the other capturing Beir Suneid, eight miles north of Gaza. An Egyptian Communique said Beir Suneid, a Zionist settlement on the road north from Gaza, fell after a ten-hour battle. Other Negev settlements were shelled.

CENTRAL FRONT. Jews were still holding out in the Hadassah Hospital and Jewish University on Mt. Scopus on the outskirts of Modern Jerusalem and also inside the walled old city under strong Arab Legion attack. Arab guns shelled the buildings on Mt. Scopus where the Jews are cut off from contact with their main forces. Inside the old city Jews are making a last ditch stand under heavy Arab mortar and shell fire.

Jewish forces advancing from the former British army camp of Saraf and occupied the Arab village of Saffaram.

NORTH-EAST FRONT: Syrian forces occupied the Jordan Valley pioneer settlements of Massada and Sha Ar Hakila, three miles south of Samakh, the railway town on the southern tip of the sea of Galilee, taken by Arabs yesterday. Three other settlements were attacked by cannon-firing spitfires. The Jews claimed to have destroyed a Syrian transport and gun park near the Shoh Yarkov bridge over the Jordan south of lake Hule, ten miles north of the sea of Galilee. A Syrian communique claimed that a Jewish counter-attack had been beaten off with heavy losses and three Jewish aircraft destroyed.

EASTERN FRONT: Jewish forces were reported to be fanning out northwards from the road junction town of Beisan in counter-attacks against Iraqi and Arab legion armoured units. No specific news of the Iraqi forces driving eastwards towards Galilee.

NORTHERN FRONT: (Lebanese) no news of the Lebanese forces

ISRAEL AIR FORCE IN ACTION

TEL AVIV, May 20, (U.P.A.): A Haganah communique said that the Israel Air Force, in its first offensive operation on record, today raided Arab Legion forces near Zemah, on the southern tip of the Sea of Galilee.

The communique gave no details.

Tel Aviv's defenders today fought off two air-raids with their most effective ack-ack barrage so far. The first raid came at dawn and the second at noon. Three persons were wounded and some damage was caused in the eastern outskirts of the city.

Military Strength In Jew-Arab War

LONDON, May 20, (U.P.A.): The best estimates available here of the military strength in the Jewish-Arab war indicated today that Israel has 30,000 fighting men and a small number of obsolete aircraft. The Arab states have a total of approximately 125,000 fighting men plus 1,025 serviceable aircraft.

OXFORD OUT FOR 185

Kardar's Magnificent Half Century

OXFORD, MAY 20 (REUTER): OXFORD UNIVERSITY WERE ALL OUT IN THEIR FIRST INNINNS FOR 185 IN THEIR MATCH AGAINST THE AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS.

On a wicket showing signs of wear the Australians continued their First Innings against Oxford University in very dull weather.

Chief interest this morning was whether Loxton would reach his second successive century but he could not find a tail-ender to stay with him. At 413 Mallett took a hard return catch to dismiss Toshack and after Johnston, the last man in, had taken a 6 and a four in three balls from Kardar, he was bowled by Mallett when attempting another big hit. Mallett well deserved these two wickets which brought the Australian innings to a close for he maintained a good length and direction of his late swing always commanded respect.

Loxton's not out 79 included one six and 5 fours.

OXFORD'S BAD START

Oxford made a disastrous start by losing their first three wickets for 19. Bloy, a left-hander, appeared to be overcoming his early anxiety when he mistimed a defensive stroke against Loxton and gave silly mid-on an easy catch at 16. Then Johnston, with the last two balls of the next over and with the total advanced to only 19, found the edge of Webb's bat and cleaned bowled Pawson, the Oxford Captain.

Kardar faced Johnston for his next over, safely stopped the hat-trick and then proceeded to stay with Keighley until lunch when the score was 68 for 3. Kardar 26 had then overtaken Keighley 25.

This partnership added 49 runs in 40 minutes. Kardar used his feet well and twice jumped out to drive Ring to the boundry while Keighley watched every ball with care in typical Yorkshire style but drove hard whenever Toshack or Ring overpitched.

Despite the cold cross wind the Australians fielded as smartly as ever and their throwing was an object lesson.

AUSTRALIANS 413 FOR NINE

Loxton (not out)	79
Toshack c and b Mallett	2
Bill Johnston b Millett	13
Exaras	30

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Whitecombe	23	3	83	2
Mallett	45	10	110	3
Travers	11	3	36	2
Kardar	46	11	118	2
Robinson	11	0	54	0

Byes 25, legbyes 4, noball by Robinson 1—30.

OXFORD 'VARSITY (1st Innings) 185

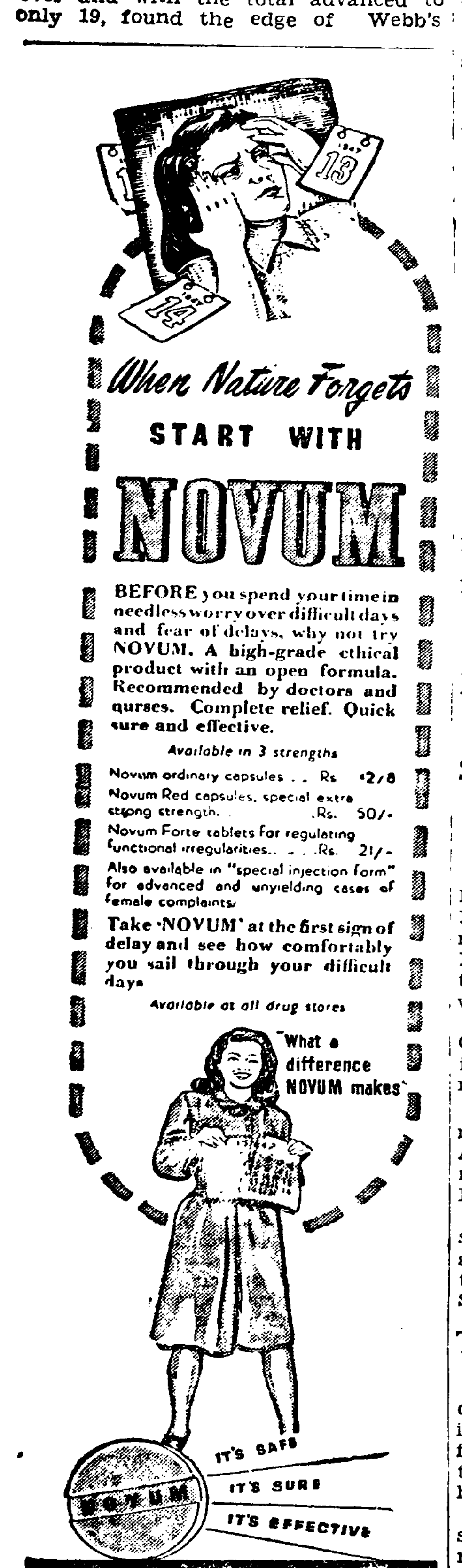
Bloy c Harvey b Loxton	7
H. E. Webb c Saggers b Johnston	1
H. W. Pawson b Johnston	0
Keighley c Loxton b Ring	36
Kardar c Hammence b McCool ..	54
C. B. Van Ryneveled (run out) ..	32
B. H. Travers c McCool b Toshack	6
P. A. Whitecombe (run out)	26
A. W. H. Mallett b Toshack	0
H. B. Robinson c Hassett b Toshack	3
W. Davidson (not out)	1
Extras	19
Total	185

Fall of wickets: four for 94, five for 129, six for 146, seven for 151, eight for 155, nine for 180.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Johnston	21	6	40	2
Loxton	5	1	4	1
Ring	18	4	39	1
Toshack	22	4	34	3
McCool	9	1	39	1

Byes 6, legbyes 8, noballs 5.



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BETTER MEN JOIN INDIAN ARMY

Necessity Of Military Training For Discipline

NASIK, May 19, (API): Brig. A. W. Litchfield, Deolali Station Commander and Commandant of the School of Artillery, addressing the cadets of the short-term military training course atthe Bhonsla Military School, said that better type of men were being attracted to the Indian army than before.

Brigadier Litchfield also emphasised the importance of military training for a disciplined life.

Earlier, Brig. Litchfield witnessed demonstrations by the cadets in musketry, horse riding and physical training.

Mr. J. M. Kayande, General Secretary of the Bhonsla Military School, said that the institution was open to all and it was their ambition to develop it into a small arms training school.

BIHAR AREAS FOR WEST BENGAL?

Calcutta Representation To New Delhi

CALCUTTA, May 20 (API): The West Bengal Government have made a representation to the Government of India for inclusion on a linguistic basis in West Bengal of certain areas of Bihar lying adjacent to this province.

Announcing this, the Premier, Dr. B. C. Roy, told pressmen today that he had been requested by the Cabinet to make this representation for inclusion of the two Bihar districts of Dhalbhum and Manbhum, and certain areas of Purnea District, neighbouring Jalpaiguri in West Bengal. He was awaiting a reply from the Centre on this point.

FRENCH TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Sumant Misra And Sawhney Eliminated From Men's Singles

PARIS May 20 (Reuter): Sumant Misra and S. Sawhney, the Indian Davis Cup players, were both eliminated from the men's singles in the French lawn tennis championships at the Stade Roland Garros here today when they lost their second round matches, but another Indian Davis Cup player, Dilip Bose, won his match in straight sets and entered the third round.

The results were: A. Noghes (Monaco) beat Sumant Misra 6|1 6|4 7|5. A. Shafei (Egypt) beat S. L. R. Sawhney 6|2 8|6 6|1, D. K. Bose beat R. Billaudot (France) 6|1 6|1 8|6.

F. Kukuljevic, the former Yugoslavia Davis Cup player who is now a naturalised Indian, reached the third round when his opponent W. Skonecki (Poland) scratched.

TELEVISION AND SPORT

NEW YORK, May 19 (Reuter): The question as to how the rapidly growing output of television sets will affect the many branches of sport in this country is creating quite a debate here, writes Reuter's correspondent.

Opinion is very much divided on the subject, but the majority of sport promoters seem to be inclined to fear that it will have an adverse effect on the gate receipts.

A good many take the view, however, that it will make new fans by whetting their appetite for the real thing.

C. P. Labour Leaders Go Back On Agreed Formula

GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE: RUIKAR'S HEALTH SATISFACTORY

NAGPUR, May 20, (A.P.I.): Mr. R. S. Ruiker, Mr. R. K. Halulker and Dr. Mazumdar—who have been on hunger strike in Nagpur Central Jail since May 11, are maintaining satisfactory health as before and are taking liquid food, states a press communique issued by the Government of the Central Provinces and Berar.

The press communique adds. "In pursuance of discussions with local labour leaders and the Minister of Labour on May 11 and the Premier on May 12, negotiations are on foot for the maintenance of industrial truce. An agreed formula was devised to secure this purpose and the logical sequence of the acceptance of the formula might well have been the release of Mr. Ruiker and some arrested labour leaders. The Provincial Government desired nothing expect that Mr. Ruiker and his followers should agree to maintain industrial truce and eschew strikes completely.

"For this purpose the deputationists who had subscribed to the agreed formula were asked by the Government to obtain Mr. Ruiker's concurrence. Instead of obtaining the necessary assurance, they withdrew from the agreed proposal and declined the invitation from the Labour Minister to see him".

"It is clear to the Government", the communique further states, that the labour leaders are not prepared even to undertake responsibility which they had taken upon themselves: and if their leaders and Mr. Ruiker are still in jail or on fast it is due to their withdrawal from the agreement to maintain industrial truce. India's foremost need today is production and still at all costs and at any cost. The Government can only express the hope that better sense will still prevail and workers instead of being on strike to secure the release of their leaders prevail on them to stand by the industrial truce".

FAILURE OF RAIN DRIES UP WELLS

MADRAS, May 20 (API): For the first time in the history of the South Indian Railways four trains had to be cancelled on Tuesday on the Cannanore-Mangalore Section due to lack of water in the well at four watering stations on the section resulting from drought conditions. it is officially learnt.

The Railway authorities have, however made alternative arrangements for watering now and normal running of trains on the sections has been restored.

The south-west monsoon, it is stated, has so far been a failure in Malabar resulting in numerous wells and tanks getting dried up and the sowing of paddy being unduly delayed

Ramasimhan Murder Case

All Accused Committed To Sessions

CALICUT, May 19 (API): All the 7 accused in the Ramasimhan Murder Case were committed to sessions today by the Special Magistrate. Fifty-three witnesses had been cited on the side of defence.

The charge against the accused is that they entered into a criminal conspiracy along with one the approver in the case between July and August 1947 to commit the murder of Ramasinhan Alias Unnian, his brother and his brother's Nambudiri wife and a Brahmin cook and in pursuance of that conspiracy they formed themselves into an unlawful assembly and arming themselves with deadly weapons and firearms committed house-breaking by night on August 2, by forcibly breaking open the doors of Ramasimham's bungalow and committed the murder of the abovesaid persons.

Ramasimhan was a rich Muslim landlord and planter owning estates and properties valued about 50 lakhs of Rupees who got himself converted to Hinduism in 1944. He had his brothers and sons also converted into Hinduism.

SHEER MADNESS IN PRESENT AGE

Bombay League Leader's Severe Attack On Kasim Razvi's Policy

HUBLI, May 19 (API): "We had had enough of communal politics which resulted in the partition of India. Those of us that have remained in India have done so with open eyes, with full knowledge that communalism would hereafter be taboo in politics and public life of the country", declares Mr. A. A. Kittur, M.L.A., President of the Dharwar District Muslim League and Vice-President of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League, in a statement criticising the recent speeches and the stand taken by Syed Kasim Razvi, the Hyderabad Ittehad leader, and his organisation.

Mr. Kittur says: "The Ittehad lead er betrays utter ignorance of the present trend of the Indian Muslim mind and seems hardly to care for their real interests. The Indian Muslims may be entertaining a form of respect for the 'Ala Hazrat', as the head of the historical Muslim royal dynasty, but to say that the former would play the fifth column would be doing little credit to his sense of nationalism and loyalty to his own country"

"To oppose democracy and responsible Government as Mr. Kasim Razvi is reported to have done." Mr. Kittur continues, "is sheer madness and suicidal in the present age. The Ittehad leader is serving his master ill by taking this impossible stand. No power on earth can stem the tide of democratic progress towards the establishment of "peoples raj." The sooner the Nizam realises this the better in his own interests and in the wide interests of the establishment of peace and goodwill in the Indian dominion. The people should be left free to decide the future of the Stat."

"Finally", Mr. Kittur adds, "I would appeal to Indian leaders and Government not to get prejudiced regarding Indian Muslim by the irresponsible and mischievous statements emanating from outside which are obviously and deliberately calculated to foment trouble in India"

"Fact-Finding Mission" For Hyderabad

CAWNPORE, May 19 (A.P.I.) : The Cawnpore Working Journalists Union, will shortly send out to Hyderabad a "Fact Finding Mission" consisting of the prominent journalists of U.P. to study at first hand conditions in Hyderabad and its suburbs. The proposed mission will also seek an opportunity to meet the Nizam of Hyderabad and discuss with him the problem of the freedom of the press in Hyderabad and the unconditional release of Mr. Nagraja Rao, Aurangabad representative of the Associated Press of India.

In a letter to the Director of Information Government of India, Mr. Virendra Swarup, General Secretary of the Union, has requested the Government of India to afford facilities to the proposed mission and has also sought the co-operation of the Government of India's Agent General at Hyderabad.

STRENGTHEN CONGRESS

Shankarrao Deo's Appeal At Sangli

SANGLI, May 19 (A.P.I.)—Mr. Shankar Rao Ded, General Secretary of the Congress, addressing a public meeting here last night traced the trend of events since August 15, 1947 and stated that India won her independence but was confronted with so many unforeseen problems. Pakistan, he said, was agreed to by the Congress as a lesser evil to avoid civil war and consequent anarchy.

Mr. Deo referred to the question of refugee sand described the sufferings of the people following partition.

He paid a glowing tribute to the Congress Government for having solved satisfactorily the states question by the wise statesmanship of Sardar Patel He stated emphatically that it was their duty to strengthen the Congress and to consolidate their hard won freedom.

VINOBA BHAVE TOURS BARODA

Appeals To Keep Implicit Faith In Non-Violence

BARODA, May 19 (API)—Laying the foundation stone of "Sardar Bhuvan" and 'Abbas Hall', memorials being built under the auspices of the Baroda state Praja Mandal, Acharya Vinoba have declared that unless people had implict faith in the principles of truth and non-violence advocated by Mahatma Gandhi there was no hope of a free India taking her rightful place among the nations of the world.

India, he said had always taken the spiritual leadership of the world and had always her message of mutual co-operation of love to the afflicted nations the time had come. he added, that India again made her voice felt among the nations of the world which had been lost in the mire of materialism and forgotten higher values of life.

Acharya Vinoba Bhave, who has undertaken a tour of the country for carrying the message of Mahatma Gandhi visited the refugee camps in the city in the afternoon and also addressed a public meeting in the evening.

Habeas Corpus Plea Rejected

KOLHAPUR, May 19. (A. P. I.): The "Habeas Corps" application referred to on behalf of Mr. Madhavrao Bagal Prajaparishad leader, who has been detained under the Public Security Measures Act, came up in the High Court before Justice Mr. N. S. Loar and Justice Mr. Chavan today. As it was not pressed by the applicant's counsel application stands rjejected and formal judgment will be announced on Monday.

Mysore Enhances Tax On Betting

BANGALORE, May 19 (API)—The Government of Mysore have decided to raise totalizator and betting taxes from two and half per cent to four per cent.

Loans For Displaced Architects

NEW DELHI, May 19 (API): Displaced architects and consulting engineers will now be eligible for grant of loans upto a maximum of Rs. 3,000 says a press note. The grant of loans will be confined to persons who decide finally to settle down in one or the other province and who can be fitted into the economy of the area specified by them.

Persons wishing to apply for a loan should produce proof of their having been registered as refugees and sign an affidavit to the effect that they have not previously received similar loans under this scheme from any other source. District authorities have been authorised to invite applications immediately.

Swiss "B" Beaten

BELLINZONA (Switzerland) May 19 (Reuter): A representative English side treated 10,000 enthusiastic Swiss soccer fans to a delightful exhibition of football in beating the Swiss 'B' side by 5 goals to one in the picturesque stadium in the mountains of southern Switzerland here this evening.

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PRESS AND PEACE

Dear Editor,

Here is a cause that you will love to make your own, in fact, it is your own. It is how Press can promote peace.

Some guaranteed that with the third party gone unity would come back to us, while others demanded partition as price of peace. But peace of God has not, as fondly hoped, descended on India, now independent as well as divided. On the contrary leave aside the relations between the two Dominions, the Union of India is threatened with all kinds of disintegration, the more dangerous of which are provincial and party dissensions. Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel are almost daily warning Congressmen against internecine wranglings and corruptions of nearly all forms. Already Gandhiji had sounded grave warnings and set about reconstructing Congress constitution and renovating its creed; the present Congress President appears to be trying to follow up the plan that the master had outlined.

The Congress Socialist Party is severing connection with the Congress and organising itself on combative lines, while it is anticipated that a number of various Communist groups may well infiltrate into the new Socialist organisation. There are others again, who are getting more and more conscious about the necessity of releasing a corrective influence through a party of constructive opposition from within the Congress fold. Differences there will always be; but let us by all means maintain harmony, and be imbued with a sense of togetherness.

Never was the problem of peace more acute in Indian life than it is now when India has to face with strength and solidarity the task of preserving and developing her new born freedom. This freedom has been so hard earned, as a result of sixty years of severe struggle, but from the way we are now behaving it looks like having been imposed on an unprepared people.

In this hour of grave peril every individual as well as institution has to do his or its bit towards reconstructing peace. The Press with its guiding influence on public life has in this setting of events to do its very best to create an atmosphere of understanding, helping us on to peace and consolidation of the unity of India. Hence it is I would venture to suggest.

Let all influential Dailies open out a column, say once a week, under the caption UNITY FORUM. Let them print under it such news and views as indicate goodwill and reveal common points between peoples of different provinces and communities and between members of different political parties. These goodwill publications should greatly help in laying out the approach to the minds of one another and bringing about the great day when all sons and daughters of India will be united in fellowship and common purpose in the name of our country humanity and the Almighty. This Forum, in addition to news, will include contributions from political leaders, unpolitical savants and thinking young men and women on various problems of history, politics, economics, race, religion, language, culture, etc., in a way that they may inspire us to cultivate the art of living together.

Our Mission has undertaken to arrange talks to be given by leaders of different camps, creeds and communities with a view to clarifying outlooks, reducing conflicts and creating an atmosphere helpful for concentration on common constructive works for the fulfilment of our newly acquired freedom. And, if encouraged by the editors and managements of leading Dailies and periodicals, our Mission will be only too glad to set up a Bureau for the collection, preparation and distribution of such reading materials, finding an outlet through the columns of the UNITY FORUM.

As early as 1942 I communicated this scheme to Mahatma Gandhi, and he wrote back that the "idea of a Unity Forum was quite all right," but then it could not be taken up as he then felt that times were not appropriate for it. Now that time is come. And I appeal to the Editors of Newspapers to give this Forum plan the consideration it deserves at their hands and give due effect to it, if they feel it is justified by the needs and conditions of the time we are living in.

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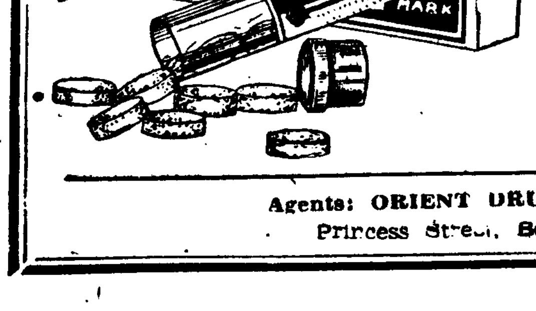

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Hightide: 11-6, 22-48. Lowtide: 4-28, 16-58.

To-day's Engagements

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. Meeting of the Standing Committee will be held today at 3 p.m. (B.T.)

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL TRADE UNION CONGRESS: Meeting of the Working Council of the Bombay Provincial Committee of the A.I.T.U.C. and representatives from affiliated Unions at the Servants of India Society's Hall, today at 6 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Public Study Class on Reincarnation. Today at 6-15 p.m. at Jehangir Wadia Building, Opp. Flora Fountain

FAIR AT PYDHONI:—The annual fair of the "Shree Mahakali Temple" at Pydhoni will be held today and will remain for three days.

CHANDULAL SHAH BACK IN CITY

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. Chandulal J Shah, (Ranjit Movitone), who had been to Geneva as a member of the Indian Delegation to the International Conference on Freedom of Information, arrived in Bombay by the TWA-plane today.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

BOMBAY, May 21.

244 Metres (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Gujarati Geet 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Krishnarao Kolhapurey 9-0 Vimal Narvekar 12-0 p.m. Mahtia Mandal 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Gayaki 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 The Ink Spots 2-0 The Mills Brothers 2-15 Woody Herman & His Orchestra 4-20 Sham Sardesai 4-50 Ibrahim Husain & Party 5-0 Sahadeo Parab & Party 5-15 Jantar Mantar 5-45 News (K) 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Madan Mohan 6-30 Sahadeo Parab & Party 6-45 Ratikumar Vyas 7-0 Topic Of The Day 7-10 p.m. Locals 7-15 Sham Sardesai 7-30 Bharatiya Sahitya 7-45 Vividh Sangeet 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Krishnarao Kolhapurey 8-45 For The Universities 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 BBC News Relay 9-40 Musical Interlude 9-45 Vimal Narvekar (Vocal Music) 10-15 Vilayat Husain Khan (Vocal Music).

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A.I.R.: Under the title "Future of Indian Industries", A.I.R. Bombay, will broadcast a special programme in Hindi today at 9-40 p.m. Leading industrialists like Mr. Sahu Shreyanshaprasad Jain, Mr. Radhakrishna Khetan, Jayantilal Ruia and Mr. Rameshwarprasad Bagla will participate in the discussion.

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DISTURBANCE AT I.N.T.U.C. SESSION

Abid Ali Condemns Socialist Tactics

Mr. Abid Ali, Chairman, Reception Committee of the I.N.T.U.C. writes:—

"I am pained to read the statement issued by the Secretary of the Socialist Party justifying the misbehaviour of their members inside the pandal during the session of the Indian National Trade Union Congress. He has levelled baseless charges against our volunteers. I had expected that the Party leaders will condemn the misdeeds of their men and will publicly apologise to us. It is difficult to understand according to which democratic ethics these Socialist friends considered it their privilege to disturb our conference. They threw handbills inside the conference from the gaps between the tin-enclosures and the pandal cover. They also attempted to distribute handbills inside the pandal itself and raised slogans and wanted to create disturbances but did not find any support. Nobody came in their way so long they were distributing handbills peacefully at the entrance to the pandal. It is very unfortunate and distressing that the Socialist also have begun adopting the much hated Communist Party methods.

RAILWAY PRIORITIES

P. R. O. G. I. P. and B. M. and G. I. Railways writes:—The Bombay Regional Advisory Committee started functioning from April 26th and meetings have been held regularly since that time to consider applications for priority assistance from various traders.

Whilst the present wagon position for traffic from Bombay does not permit the movement of other than essential food grains, the Committee is never-the-less exploring the possibility of extending assistance to other commodities. In the meantime they request traders to refrain from sending letters and telegrams to the Regional Controller of Railway Priorities.

Traders are asked to bear in mind the great importance of unloading and releasing wagons at destination stations with the minimum of delay. Their co-operation will assist the Railways to a considerable extent in making more wagons available for traffic.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, May 20, (A.P.I.): The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches for the past 24 hours from April 1, 1948 and departure from normal recorded at 08-00 hours (I.S.T.) on May 20, 1948:—

Ahmedabad 109 80 0 0 minus 0.3, Ahmednagar 107 74 0 0.1 minus 0.5, Allahabad 116 73 0 0 minus 0.5, Bangalore 87 69 0 6.4 plus 2.5, BOMBAY 93 83 0 0 0, Calcutta 96 83 0 2.9 minus 1.9, Delhi 111 81 0 0 minus 0.6, Hyderabad (Dn.) 110 81 0 2.1 plus 0.3, Indore 107 78 0 0.1 minus 0.1, Madras 106 88 0 0.7 minus 0.5, Mysore 88 70 0 9.9 minus 4.0, Nagpur 115 91 0 0.5 minus 0.4, Patna 108 82 0 0.4 minus 0.4, Poona 98 73 0 0 minus 0.9, Simla 80 65 0 1.9 minus 1.3.

Weather Summary

POONA, May 20, (A.P.I.): The following is the weather summary for Thursday the 20th May 1948:—

Thunder-rain has been fairly widespread in Assam, Sub-Himalayan Bengal and south Malabar with locally heavy falls in and near the Khasi Hills. A few thundershowers are also reported from Eastern Pakistan.

Abnormally high temperatures continued over most parts of the country outside Mysore, the west coast of the Peninsula and North-East India. Many stations in Rajputana, the central parts of the country and the United Provinces recorded temperatures above 115 degrees f.

FORECAST UNTIL 21ST EVENING: Thunder-rain will be widespread in Assam, Sub-Himalayan Bengal and South Malabar and occur at a few stations in Eastern Pakistan, north Malabar and South Mysore. Isolated thunderstorms are also possible in Gangetic West Bengal.

Day temperatures may fall slightly over the peninsula, the South Central Provinces and Berar.

HEAVY RAINFALL WARNING: Locally heavy rain is likely in Assam and in and near the Darjeeling Hills during the next 36 hours. Isolated heavy falls of rain may commence in Malabar within the next 48 hours.

GODHRA DEPUTATIONS WAIT ON KHER

Plea For Immediate Monetary Help And Land For Building Houses

GODHRA, May 19 (API): Deputations on behalf of Hindus, Muslims and Ghanchis which met Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister and Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister of Bombay pleaded for immediate monetary help and assignment of land for building houses, so that people whose houses were destroyed during recent disturbances could have shelter ready before the monsoon set in.

The Godhra and Shehra Relief Fund Committee in a memorandum stated that steps should be taken to rebuild the 3,000 tenements gutted by the fire. Two co-operative societies have been formed and one of them is acquiring about 55 acres of land. Government should expedite the acquisition procedure and cost of the land assigned to sufferers should be paid by the Government. The Committee pleaded for loans to the tune of 75 per cent or cost of houses and for gratuitous help to destitutes. The Committee said that the Town Planning Act should be applied and permanent construction work should be taken on hand at a very early date.

The Bohra deputation emphasised the need for a fool proof blue print for all out reconstruction and said that loans upto 25,000 Rupees should be granted by Government for rebuilding pucca houses besides an immediate grant of Rs. 2000 to every sufferer. The Government should levy a fine on villages where vora houses and shops have been burnt down and pay the sufferers full value of their property. In Godhra people who have lost their houses should be fully compensated.

The deputation referred to a case where a refugee from the north refused to return a house to its owner who left the town after the fire till police intervened and said action should be taken against such transgressions.

The deputation also pleaded for the return of firearms to those from whom they were withdrawn after March and the issue of new licences to the people of the community who are living on the Mehshri river side and need these arms "to guard against any depradations from intimidated villagers".

Mr. Newman, Manager of the West End Hotel, where the A.I.C.C. guests were accommodated, has been specially thanked by the B.P.C.C. for his being at the Hotel all round the clock for 4 days, personally attending to the needs and comforts of the A.I.C.C. Members.

"SUTLEJ" IN BOMBAY HARBOUR

BOMBAY, May 20 (A.P.I.): The Royal Indian Navy sloop, H.M.I.S. "Sutlej" arrived in Bombay harbour this morning from the United Kingdom with a batch of R.I.N. trainees who had gone there for advanced studies in the Royal Navy. H.M.I.S. "Sutlej" left Portsmouth on April 22, calling at Malta, Port Said and Aden on the way.

LINGUISTIC DIVISION OF PROVINCES

Three Names To Be Suggested To Represent Bombay

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister of Bombay, has received a communication from Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Indian Constituent Assembly, requesting him to suggest names of three members from each linguistic area of the Province to the proposed Commission which will be set up shortly to inquire into the question of re-distribution of provinces on linguistic basis.

The Prime Minister told pressmen today that the names of three members would be suggested, one each from Maharashtra, Karnatak and Gujerat. The Government have not so far decided upon the final selection of members, he added.

MADRAS NOMINEES

MADRAS, May 19, (A. P. I.): The Government of Madras, it is understood have recommended four persons, one from each of the linguistic areas of Madras presidency to be associate members to assist the commission to be set up shortly by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Constituent Assembly, to go into the question of reconstituting the provinces on a linguistic basis.

The four persons are Mr. T. A. Ramalingam Chettiar, M. L. A. (Central) (Tamilnad) Mr R. B. Ramakrishna Raju, President of the Madras Legislative Council (Andhra Desa), Mr. M. Narayana Menon, member of the Madras Legislative Council (Kerala) and Mr. T. Subramanyam (Karnataka).

'G' Ward District Congress Committee Office-bearers

Under the new constitution passed by the A.I.C.C. the following office bearers of "G" Ward District Congress Committee have been duly elected at a meeting held on May 19, at 8-30 p.m. at Fitwala Hall near Elphinstone Road Station, Bombay No. 13.

President: Dr. T. R. Naravane; Vice-President: Mr. R. D. Singh, Mr. Jagadeva Shankar Sharma; Secretary: Mr. Keshavrao Tikam; Mr. Sukhadevprasad Mishra; Treasurer; Mr R. V. Punadikar.

Govt. House News

MAHABLESHWAR, May 19. (A. P. I.): The Governor of Bombay and Rani Maharaj Singh visited the Marathi language school at "Mount Douglas" where they were received by Mr. Graham and afterwards the Village Industries Committee's centre where they were received by Shri S. G. Shende.

The Governor received Mr. Anantrai Pattani and Mr. B. L. Sharma at "the terraces".

CONSERVING PETROL

Questionnaire To Be Issued

With the petrol allocation to the province of Bombay, further reduced by the Government of India, the quota falls far short of the present rate of consumption, in spite of the cuts imposed on basic and supplementary issues to all consumers.

In order, therefore, to review the situation, with a view to considering ways and means of effecting an all round general saving, so that an equitable distribution may be made while at the same time ensuring that consumption during the quarter does not exceed the quota allocated to this province by the Government of India the Government of Bombay decided that a special advisory committee should meet to give its special attention to this problem.

This committee, comprising of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Home and Revenue (Chairman), Mr. C. S. Patel, M.L.A., Mr. C. C. Shah, Solicitor and the Provincial Rationing Authority (Secretary), held its first meeting on May 18. The committee studied the petrol situation carefully and it appeared evident that the immediate requirement was to review the supplementary issues now being made to consumers, as this constituted a large drain on the quota.

To implement this, the committee has decided to draw up a form of questionnaire which will be published shortly, to be completed by all who receive or desire to apply for, a supplementary ration, and to be forwarded to the Provincial Rationing Authority.

The committee will meet later representatives of associations concerned with petrol consumption such as the Western India Automobile Association, Lorry Owners Association, Suburban Bus Owners Association, Taxi Owners Association, Taxi Drivers Association, etc. who may have useful suggestions as to ways and means of conserving petrol and ensuring equitable distribution.

Indo-Jap Radio Communication

BOMBAY, Wednesday:

Mr. W. R. Eaton, leader of the S.C.A.P. Mission today expressed the hope that direct radio communication between India and Japan would be soon restored.

Mr. Eaton, who was discussing the future of the communication service between India and Japan with Mr. S. R. Kantebet, General Manager, Overseas Communications Service, this morning, said that the establishment of direct communication with Japan would be a stimulant to Indo-Japanese trade. He said that would pursue the subject with the communications authorities in Japan on his return.

The leader, Mr. Eaton, and members of the Mission evinced keen interest in the working of the radio-photo service between India and various other countries of the world. they were also shown the system of radio communication between India and Japan before the war.

VISIT TO AHMEDABAD

Three members of the Mission, Mr. R. Donaldson, Mr. T. Sugihara and Mr. F. Sakai will visit Ahmedabad on Friday and after a day's stay return to Bombay. The members of the Mission propose to leave for Karachi on May 25.

Distribution Of Caustic Soda

The Government of India has allotted 325 tons of caustic soda from the imported stock for distribution amongst the organised soap factories in the Province of Bombay and the Government of Bombay has authorised the Department of Industries to issue Release Orders in respect of the above quantity.

With a view to distributing this quantity equitably to a large number of organised soap factories in the Province, it is proposed to invite applications for the same. The applications are to reach the Director of Industries on or before June 12, 1948 on the prescribed form, copies of which can be had from the Office of the Director of Industries, Old Custom House Yard, Fort Bombay.

More Scholarships

Sanction has been accorded by the Government of Bombay to the institution of 57 additional sets of High and Middle School scholarships for intermediate classes, including Muslims from June 1, 1948. Provision of Rs. 27,000 on this account has been made in the current year's budget.

MORARKA'S BAIL PERIOD EXTENDED

Police Want More Time For Investigation

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Inspector Miranda of the A. C. B. of the Bombay C.I.D., submitted another application before Mr. K. J. Khambatta, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, this morning, asking for the extension of the bail period of Gokulchand Dwarkadas Morarka, Ramkumar Srinivas Morarka and S. R. Dattar, who have been arrested for the "falsification of records of the Sholapur Spinning and Weaving Co., of which Morarka and Company are the agents". The Police suspect that the alleged falsification was made to avoid "awkward official questions", with regard to the possession of high denomination Bank Notes.

The application also stated that the police suspected that accused one had committed similar breaches through the Apollo Mills, of which he is the Managing Director.

Mr. Ghaswala, Counsel for the first accused opposed the bail extension application on the ground that the case had already gone through four remands and the police had proceeded no further in their investigations. The present case was the foundation of another case of bribery against accused one and another. This matter was being put back, so that the other case could be proceeded with.

Inspector Miranda stoutly repudiated the suggestion that the police were asking for repeated adjournments, with any such motive. As a matter of fact they had raided another Mill of the accused, and taken possession of books written in the Marwari language. It would necessarily take time to scrutinise these books. They were also waiting for official sanction from the Central Government, to launch a prosecution in the other case.

The case was postponed to June 3.

ARRESTED ON RASH DRIVING CHARGE

For allegd negligent and rash driving Singarsingh Ralasingh was arrested yesterday by the B.B.C.I. Railway Police

It was alleged that yesterday noon when the accused was driving his motor van No. BMX 2771, he knocked down a cyclist at the Carnac Bunder Yard and caused damages to the cycle and serious injuries to the cyclist.

Bail period of the accused was extended by Mr. G. K. Rege Presidency Magistrate at the Girgaum Police Court this morning

GRUESOME FIND AT MAHIM

A workman of the G.I.P. workshop, was discovered this morning with his throat cut from side to side, on the road behind the Scottish Orphanage, Mahim.

The dead man was identified as Shanker Narayen Genu. His wife and two brothers have been arrested as foul play is suspected.

JEWELLERY WORTH Rs. 86,000 STOLEN

Bawal Khan Durandhan was arrested yesterday by the police in connection with the theft of jewellery from a jewellery mart at Meadows Street, on 20-1-48, when property worth Rs. 86,000 was stolen.

Bawal Khan is suspected to have abetted in the house-breaking and theft, and also assisted in disposing off the stolen property.

So far Rs 50,000 worth of property have been recovered.

Mr. K. J. Khambatta, Presidency Magistrate ordered the accused to be remanded to custody.

2 ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED THEFT OF RADIOS

A gang of men is stated to have committed theft of 28 Radio sets and other properties valued at Rs. 15,175, on Wednesday night from the B.P.T. Warehouse Malatt Bunder.

Gilbert and D'Souza, the two arrested in this connection, have been remanded into police custody, at Mazgaon, today.

DEATH LEAP KILLS TWO

A double tragedy occurred on a foot-path of Mint Road, in the early hours of Wednesday, when a victim of chronic cancer, suffering from excruciating pain, jumped through his window from a height of 47 feet, He landed himself on a young domestic servant, fast asleep on the foot-path, and resulted in his ribs being broken. Both died as a result of injuries.

Jamnadas Ranji 62, was suffering from cancer since a year or so, and on the day in question, it is said, he was restless.

Pandu Gopal 18, the domestic servant, as usual, after his day's work, was asleep on the path.

Both died in St. George Hospital, after a short while.

Fatal Fall

A baby girl, jumped out of her bed, and tumbled down on a road, resulting in her death, at St. George Hospital.

The victim was Susan Francis Brooks, residing at Warden Road.

Journalists Refused Use Of C J. Hall

The executive engineer of the Public Works Department of Bombay, in a communication addressed to Mr. R. K. Karanjia of the "Blitz", it is understood, has refused permission of the use of the Sir C. J. Hall for a meeting on May 24.

The meeting was sponsored by the "Blitz" and "March" and three journalists, Messrs. K. A. Abbas, D. F. Karaka and R. K. Karanjia were announced to speak on "Freedom of Press." It is understood the P.W.D engineer's reply states the Home Department has refused permission of the hall.

Mr. Dinkarrao Desai

Mr. Dinkarrao N. Desai, Minister for Law and Civil Supplies will arrive in Bombay from Broach on Monday, May 24.

Akbarally Mitha a businessman was sentenced to 2 months rigorous imprisonment, at Mazgaon Court, for unlawful possession of 28 bread coupons.

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He breathes not the fragrance of divine mysteries whose head is not warmed by the heart.
—WALI

A BALANCED POLICY

Practical difficulties prevent the Government of India from receiving the disillusioned two hundred thousand Muslims who have come back from Pakistan, with any great enthusiasm. When the original decision to leave India was taken, the lands and houses vacated by the evacuees were used for settling non-Muslims who had made the reverse trip, probably a larger number. Normally it would have taken time for these newcomers to adjust themselves to their new surroundings. Conditions were far from normal and the process of acclimatisation was inevitably delayed. To unsettle them again because of a large influx from Pakistan is unthinkable. It would certainly give rise to much discontent and bitterness not only among the colonies provided for but even in the general population; and it must once again dislocate an economy which is approaching an uncertain equilibrium. Therefore, the Government of India has been forced to warn Pakistan of the need for arriving at a reciprocal arrangement between the two Governments.

Though the logic of this position is unshakable, it is to be expected that the policy will create further consternation among the returning Muslims. Instead of railing at the Government of India as some of them may be tempted to do, they might profitably ponder over the afflictions that visit a vacillating mind. Some of them were not free to choose India when they decided to go to Pakistan. Several Muslims who would have vastly preferred to throw in their lot with other Union citizens, were given no opportunity to declare their preference. There is no need to recall the conditions of pressure in which decisions were taken. They are too recent in the public mind. For these a liberal policy is promised. Possibly too with the bulk of the returning Muslims, the second decision has been swayed by more secure conditions now established in the Union.

It might even be that the Pakistan policy of drawing on Union Muslims for personnel to serve the State has impressed on those who first hurried to establish their Pakistan citizenship, that they can enjoy all the advantages of Pakistan patronage without suffering the inconvenience of residing in Pakistan. In all probability, the motives are mixed and it is futile to seek to disentangle them. And it is not the work of Governments to enter into motives. What the Union Government has attempted is an agreement on high level to arrange for planning relief to refugees who return. It is not, let it be remembered, a minorities pact that is aimed at. This time it is the treatment of member of the majority community coming in from outside that is in question. "Many who came over for becoming permanent residents of Pakistan," said Mr. H. Suhrawardhy in the Pakistan Constituent Assembly, "have gone away disappointed, finding no place". Therefore, when the Union Government tells Pakistan that it cannot look after the disillusioned Muslims, it is in effect doing something which must be heartily welcomed by Pakistan since thus a second chance is afforded to that Dominion to assimilate the Indian Muslims who sought refuge and did not get it there. Moreover, it gives a necessary anchor to those who are unable to settle down in one Dominion or the other and who apparently feel that they are free to cross and recross the frontiers, changing their nationality with each crossing.

It is now nearly ten months since the two Dominions were established. It should be now possible for residents of United India to know which of the two parts they would prefer to stay in and which Dominion they would owe allegiance to. Therefore, the Union Government's lead is very timely, calling as it does for assurances from the two Governments for maintaining security and at the same time asking people to make up their minds and stand firm by their decisions.

Teachers' Pay Scales

The Government of Bombay deserves some credit for accepting the main recommendation of the Parulekar-Ghate Committee's report with regard to the scales of pay of secondary school teachers, although the delay in doing so had led to considerable misunderstanding and discontent among secondary teachers. Of course, even this decision of Government will not and perhaps cannot be hailed as the teachers' Charter. Efforts to improve their conditions will have to be continued. But the decision is to be welcomed in a realistic sense. First, because it does mark an improvement on the prevailing standards, and secondly—and this is even more important—because this is almost the first attempt on the part of Government to intervene in the administration of non-Government secondary schools, in order to secure a measure of justice to a vital but neglected class of persons. Salaries and remunerations of teachers have been so bad and tenure of service in schools so insecure that the profession of teaching has tended—with rare exceptions—to repel rather than attract talent. There are frequent cases of men who started with great hopes and idealism becoming disillusioned and leaving the profession after years of service. If India has to progress as a nation, one of the first requisites will be to build a class of teachers representing a high degree of attainment and talents. Hence the urgent need to end the state of affairs where a teacher's job is the last refuge. It is something that efforts are being made to see that a secondary school teacher is no worse off then a clerk with equal qualifications.

At the same time, however, Government cannot consider its responsibilities ended with merely accepting the scales of pay and proportionately increasing the grants-in-aid to schools. It is notorious that many schools—both proprietory and society schools—have a vicious system of obtaining signatures of the staff for amounts higher than those actually paid to them. The possibility of this practice being aggravated on account of the higher pay scales approved by Government cannot be altogether ignored. Government will have to devise some means of seeing that its intentions are not frustrated in this manner. Another point worthy of Government's attention is the position of older teachers who have put in long years of service. Their progress is often halted at Rs. 100 or a like figure which may be fixed as the peak by many schools. It would be a manifest injustice just to start them now on higher grades. A suitable stepping up according to their service is called for. A third point requiring Government's attention is the continuity of service of teachers. It is notorious that even in the better schools in Bombay, teachers do not stay beyond a few years. The reason is not any deficiency of the teacher but his misfortune in having reached a level of salary beyond which the school is not prepared to let anybody go. So he goes cut and starts again elsewhere several rungs lower down, if not at the bottom of the ladder. We trust that Government will not let its policy be defeated because of the failure to pay attention to these and other problems of detail.

While the Government has undoubtedly done the right thing in accepting the committee's recommendations in so far as they relate to the pay scales of teachers the wisdom of fixing minimum fees in schools is open to question. We appreciate that the finances of Government are already subjected to great strain and in the immediate future it will have to pay as much as Rs. 86 lakhs, as grant-in-aid to make possible the new scales of pay and dearness allowance. We appreciate also that more pay for teachers makes higher fees inevitable. By why fix a minimum? The minimum fee of Rs. 8 for the highest secondary class for Bombay city now fixed is already being levied by a number of schools. There are also schools which charge a much higher fee. The fixing of a minimum may be construed as an open invitation to levy higher fees. And it must be remembered that there are quite a few schools which are purely proprietory. The profit motive is not absent even in schools run by missions and societies, although the profit is meant for the benefit of that institution. In terms of education, however, this means the exploitation of either the teacher or the taught. As long as the present type of schools continue they cannot but attract the usual procedure applicable to employers and employees. And according to that procedure the normal course would have been to fix minimum salaries and maximum fees. In this case, strangely enough, a minimum fee is fixed, which prevents even a school with charitable funds at its disposal from charging a lower fee even if it choses to do so. It is an anomaly which calls for some explanation.

Railway Trouble Exaggerated

Sir,— In view of some exaggerated and incorrect reports which have appeared in the Press in connection with the stoppage of work by casual labourers working in the Engineering Workshop of the Divisional Engineer, G. I. P. Railway, Bombay, it is considered desirable that a statement of the true position should be made available to the public through the Press.

On May 4, about 900 casual labourers working under the Resident Engineers, Byculla, left work without due notice to the Railway Administration. Their demands were for higher wages and for the privileges of regular railway employees. A representation on this subject has very recently been received from the G. I. P. Railwaymen's Union and is under investigation.

The Secretary of the G. I. P. Railwaymen's Union, Bombay, who interviewed the General Manager on May 7, stated that the Union had not advised the workers to go on strike. The General Manager informed him that the men's demands were being investigated but that it would take about one month before these investigations could be completed, enabling the Administration thereby to make decisions on the points with competence and to make recommendations to the Railway Board on issues which affected All-India Railway policy. Immediate decisions could not be given just because the men had stopped work. Mr. Alvarez, Assistant Secretary of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation, who interviewed the General Manager on May 10, was also informed of the position.

Some of these workers have been attempting to spread dissatisfaction amongst other casual labourers and, in some instances, have resorted to force, throwing stones and using other methods of intimidation, but most of the workers have remained at work. A total of 1,051 casual labourers have not reported for work on the morning of May 13 and they consist of 900 men employed under the Resident Engineer, Byculla, 90 men employed at Thana and 61 men employed by the Traction Department.

All casual labourers on the Bhore Ghats are working normally. On the Thull (Igatpuri) Ghats 300 men out of a total of 1,800 had left work on May 12 due to intimidation. 100 have returned already for the morning shift and the remaining 200 who are due for the evening shift have advised their officers that they will be back at work as usual. There has been no interruption in the construction work of the Bhore and Thull Ghats.—Yours, etc.

G. DE P. LEEPER,
Public Relations Officer,
B. B. & C. I. and G. I. P. Railways.

Burmese Communists Arrested

RANGOON MAY 20 (Reuter): Burmese forces arrested a number of Communist leaders, including several women, in clashes in country districts, a Government report said.

HUNGER: The New Dictator

BY B. FONSECA

A few days ago a man lay in the middle of the road outside my house. I approached him rather gingerly and tried to find out if he were dead or alive. A less finicky passer—by turned the man over and eventually persuaded him to move to a bit of shade on one side of the road.

He was a young man, very dark and clad in a reasonably good shirt and shorts. The first thing he did was to point to his stomach. Then he lifted four fingers, shook his hand and described circles with his index finger to show that his head was swimming. After a drink of water and a bite of bread he explained that he had come all the way from Karikal on the East Coast. and had not eaten for four days.

THE TOLL OF UNDER-NOURISHMENT.

This happened in Bombay in March 1948. No official famine had been reported, but it served brutally to remind me of the fact that at the best of times, more than half of the people of India do not get the equivalent of a square meal a day. Eight crores of humans have never known what it is to have a full stomach—at any time in their lives.

When I am told that for several years most of Europe has been hungry, I feel deeply for them. But I feel much more for the 20 crores in this land who have been hungry all their lives.

This chronic hunger shows itself in many ways. Apart from the multitude of cases of rickets, tuberculosis, and other diseases that arise from deficient or unbalanced diets, how many millions of our people are unable to go about their daily tasks efficiently because of undernourishment. Chronic hunger after a time brings on headaches and weakness and a feeling of emptiness inside. It robs the mind of all thoughts but that of where the next bite is coming from. It becomes the dictator of one's life.

FOOD AND POLITICS.

It even enters politics like all dictators. Famine has always been a convenient stick with which to beat one's political opponents. In 1943 the critics of the Government put down the Bengal Famine to military operations. The Government retaliated by blaming popular leaders, who are alleged to have told the people not to sell their crops and not to accept the paper currency issued by the Government of the day and so on.

We see the same sort of thing happening overseas. The feeding of hungry Europe has been drawn into the orbit of power politics and the suspicion that America is trying to build up an anti-Communist front in Europe is so strong, that President Truman has had to ask Congress to reverse its decision to include Spain in the Marshall Plan for aid to Europe.

FISCHER'S REMEDY.

But getting back to our own problem of chronic undernourishment. What are we to do about it? Is there no possible way out but for India to remain one of the slum countries of the world? Writing on "India's Insoluble Hunger" in 'Harper's Magazine' some three years back, John Fischer, former representative of the U. S. Foreign Economic Administration in India, could not suggest any remedy. Americans have never been up against anything they couldn't lick and it was a big shock to Fischer to find that he could not suggest even a theoretical solution. He could only say that there were too many Indians and that the Bombay Plan, modelled to some extent on Soviet Five Year Pans, would not work for India as it did for Russia. In any event he felt the country would need a vast injection of capital, equipment and technical skill from outside to effect major changes in her economic picture.

ROOM FOR HOPE.

Was Fischer right? Is India's hunger insoluble?

No! It is not and, in justification of our denial, we can point to the events of the past two or three years. India has wiped out her foreign debt and built up a vast reserve of capital scheduled to be spent in national reconstruction. Her wealth and technical skill has substantially increased and she is prepared to import this commodity if needed. Having taken charge of her own affairs, she is not against allowing foreign capital to continue to operate, provided the nation's interests are not adversely affected, and she is ready to import all the machinery that may be needed, if it can be obtained—a state of affairs that Fischer may not have foreseen.

PRINCES CAN HELP.

Indian princes have also displayed a sense of realism that no one could have foreseen three years ago. In their hands is a colossal reserve of capital which they may be persuaded to use for the development of the country. The Nizam, for instance, has advanced a large sum to Pakistan. Is it not possible that he might be persuaded to put a large sum into schemes for bringing prosperity to South India—in the benefits of which his State will participate?

So much for that. But how are we to help the common man in India to eat enough to make him a happy, healthy and useful member of society?

NATURE'S ANSWER.

Nature to some extent provides the answer. Her cycle has been badly upset by incorrect farming methods. Our farming land needs a rotation of crops—periods of rest from one crop by replacing it with another. A piece of land that has just yielded a crop of cotton can, as shown by the Negro scientist George Washington Carver, be rejuvenated by planting groundnuts. If you fear that an excess of groundnuts will lead to a slump in that market, consider the many prodcts that can be had from this plant—ranging from ardil, the latest substitute for wool, to vanaspati a valuable source of fats of which our deficit is most severe.

It also must not be forgotten that groundnuts yield excellent cattle food. India and Pakistan are supposed to have a third of the world's cattle numbering 200 million heads, but they yield less milk than the 25 million animals that pre-war Germany had We could all do with more milk and, instead of pretending to revere cattle while allowing them to starve, we could give them good food, separate the healthy ones from the sick and make the cattle and ourselves much happier.

WORKING THE SOIL.

Carefully tended pasture land on which indiscriminate grazing is not allowed, would give rich dividends. If we could get ryots to pool their fragments of farms and arrange that a different part of the village land is given over to a fodder crop each season, it would help to provide useful food for animals and to remove saline constituents that reduce the fertility of the soil and actually improve the land by the nitrogen they add. Another way of enriching the soil given to food crops is to plant vegetables with plenty of leaves that can be ploughed back into the land after the vegetables themselves are removed.

FUEL AND MANURE.

While on the topic of fertility, what better way is there of getting the soil to yield more, than by using natural manures? We have yet to learn to use town refuse and night-soil for the purpose. I believe that the Chinese, who have to work as hard as we do for a meagre living, have got over their inhibitions on this score, but the cattle manure that we burn as fuel, simply 'must' go into the land.

What alternative fuel shall we have? We might eat more of our vegetables raw. Mahatma Gandhi kept healthy on a diet that consisted mainly of raw fruit and vegetables. But those who prefer to cook their food must learn to use wood instead of cowdung. Then the question arises that wood is expensive. The only solution lies in the Government giving the farmers credit so that they may be able to let the valuable fertilizing qualities of cowdung go into the soil instead of up in smoke.

FISH AND POULTRY.

Fish, eggs and poultry. How much of any of these nourishing foods do we consume? Very little. Yet fish can be raised in any tank—where they help to keep down mosquitos by eating their larvae—and can be obtained in abundance in rivers or the sea. A valuable food, fish also provides the raw material of other industries such as fish liver oil, gelatine, glue and even manure. It is the same sad story with poultry, which could also be raised by any ryot.

HASTEN SLOWLY.

Apart from restoring nature's cycle, modern agricultural knowledge offers many aids to help us maintain a better diet. Mechanisation must come slowly for we do not want to cause further complications in a difficult situation. The old wooden plough, for instance, must not be scrapped hastily in favour of metal ploughs which do more than scratch the surface, till we are sure that the new device does not hasten the evaporation of the little moisture left in the soil in areas with only a few inches of rain a year. In other words, assured supplies of water must come first.

IRRIGATION.

The builders of past irrigation projects lived in the days before mass planning came into vogue. Being irrigation engineers, they only aimed at watering land and did not think that their canals could be a source of power for new industries and waterways for inland transport. But today, we do know how to make the best use of the by-products of river control. A dozen and more great multi-purpose river control schemes will not only lay the bogey of drought by the heels but will bring wealth in other forms. These schemes will provide power to run industries—including plants for manufacturing artificial fertilisers—and even give the farmer light and heating for his home. This will certainly help save the manure that the soil needs so badly.

CAUTION WITH FERTILISERS.

Artificial fertilisers are hardly used at all by our ryots. A year before the war the whole of India only used some 66,000 tons which meant that we used less than a pound of fertiliser per acre of sown land, while in Belgium and Japan 400 and 600 pounds an acre were used respectively No wonder they could support such dense populations. We are now, however, planning factories that will produce 350,000 tons of fertilisers a year, and we will need even more in the course of time though there too we should proceed carefully as the excessive use of artificial fertilizers has its dangers.

HOME INDUSTRIES.

With industries to cater for, with power at their elbows, with better health and minds less fogged by ignorance, the ryots of the future will have time to think. They will run little sidelines as small farmers do in other lands,—home industries that the wife and children can manage—a chicken run to supply eggs, a dairy to turn out pasteurised milk, butter and cheese and perhaps jam and preserves to sell.

AGE OF PLENTY.

Their children will read incredulously of the Bengal Famine of 1943 of the bad old days when people had to manage on a few ounces of cereals a day and when even that depended on the deity of rain. When the day dawns when none of her children know what it is to be hungry, then indeed shall the golden age have returned to Bharat Mata.—I.P.F.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Their Difficult Task

The theory of Indian Muslims being a separate "nation" was nonsensical enough on the basis of any national and accepted defination of a nation. They are no more "nationally" distinct from other Indians than the Muslims of Egypt from Copts, the Muslims of the Levant from Levantine Christians or the Protestants of Britain or America from their catholic fellow-nationals. The claim had to be made by Mr. Jinnah in order to justify the demand for Pakistan. Now that what, according to any theory of nationalism, is a political fiction has succeeded, it is not unnatural for the leaders of Pakistan to find it difficult to sustain it through the practical problems of Pakistan. How these leaders are going to reconcile a fundamental illogicality with the logical demands of modern practical politics remains to be seen. They have our sympathies in their undoubtedly difficult task.

A Patent Absurdity

But why indulge in avoidable absurdities? It is a well-known truism that attempts to justify one absurdity leads one into worse. Wisdom lies in refraining where it is possible to refrain. That is why we are amazed at declaration attributed to Mr. Jinnah by an Iranian journalist. The new State of Pakistan, Mr. Jinnah is reported to have said, was a "nation of Persian race and religion" and was "plucked from the mother country by the foreigners'. Were this statement made by any ordinary person it would have been dismissed or enjoyed as a masterpiece of achievement by an ignoramus completely innocent of elementary history geography and anthropology. For, it would be nothing else to say that the forty millions of Eastern Pakistan (the major half) and the vast majority of West Pakistan Muslims were racially or religiously Iranian. They are, racially as much identified with Hindus and other non-Indians as, for instance, Mr. Jinnah himself. A number—large or small is immaterial —of Indian Muslims can trace their racial ancestry to the Middle East—only a proportion of them to Iran. But if they are not Indians and must look to the lands of their ancestors, it will then become difficult to blame the Jews of Europe and the world for regarding themselves as non-European Palestinians.

What It Proves

But this masterpiece of historical absurdity cannot be dismissed or enjoyed as an entertainment. It comes from Mr. Jinnah himself. And it, therefore, comes as another proof of the inevitable consequences of trying to sustain patent absurdities. As to Pakistan—by far the major half is geographically situated in far off North-Eastern India!—and Iran being parts of the same motherland, which should join together again. Lord Strabolgi suggested "facetiously" that the United States "be accepted back into the British Empire...." The suggestion is, at any rate, based on what was once a historical actuality And it is, therefore, at least "facetious" as it was—consciously—meant to be. We need not say more

Brains Trust

The suggestion that India should have a brains trust which would guide the Ministers, is a fascinating one. The general respect for brains is so great that it is plausible to suggest advantages from Government by brains. Mr. J. C. Setalvad seems to feel that the Ministers can dispense with this impressive commodity but that in the power behind the throne brains are a necessity. There is such a thing, however, as suffering from excess of brain, which is as bad as a deficiency. There is nothing to prevent Ministers from making all the use they wish of whatever brains they want to pick, without giving their victims the impressive name of brains trust. But the difficulty lies in another direction. Someone has said that the reason why mistakes occur is because one has either no doubt of one's accuracy or not enough knowledge to know where to look. There is no method by which Ministers can be forced to be guided by their brains trust. Most of these intellectual adornments have been sent packing when their advice proved unacceptable to the men whom they advised. From past experience, it is not brains that is lacking but a general level of commonsense—not only in Ministers or not even mostly in them but in all walks of life. The Poet fervently prayed, Make no more heroes, God, but elevate the race. There is a wealth of wisdom in that.

Between Two Stools

From the two nation theory to the two nationality complex is a long step. But it has been swiftly covered by Pakistan demagogues. Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan has stated that there is nothing wrong in Pakistan using Union Muslims to make good deficiencies in man-power. At the same time, in the Pakistan Constituent Assembly, Mr H. Suhrawardhy is putting up a desperate fight against the majority which seeks to force members to choose between citizenship in India and Pakistan. The two are not inconsistent but together they throw a revealing light on Pakistan leadership. The implications are that the Muslim of India-Pakistan cannot seek citizenship in both Dominions but the Pakistan Government can, if it chooses, obliterate the frontier. To-day fortunately it happens that the choice is made to honour the individual. To-morrow it might be made to punish him. Some time back, Mr. Kassim Razvi expressed his confidence in the Indian Muslim in characteristic fashion and provoked the wrath of Muslims in the Union. It is not likely that Mr. Liaquat's more gentle faith will induce very different feelings. The Indian Muslim—we mean no offence to either by the comparison—feels that he is in a predicament somewhat similar to that of an attractive but timid woman with an exceedingly jealous husband. He values domestic peace more than ardent admirers abroad. To him Mr. Jinnah's reported interest in Iran must be the most promising indication of being left alone to cultivate the slippered comfort of the home.

Too Much Anger

Our Socialist friends are never tired of claiming that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is one of them, but denouncing him at the same time for the company he keeps. Others might be denounced for pretending to be Socialists and all the time straying on the path of deliberate deception and calculated misrepresentation but Pandit Jawaharlal is always to be furnished with a saving clause. This is a curious phenomenon in Indian politics. The Socialists cling as desperately to Jawaharlal as they charge him with clinging to his capitalist colleagues. Therefore, they are as culpable as he is. Therefore, why complain? If it is intended to be an attempt to wean the public away gently from Jawaharlal, then the strategy is wholly wrong. Well might the people retort, 'Physician, heal thyself.' In fact, the impression is growing that the Socialists fear to stand on their own legs.

Freedom From Nostrums

Miracle working drugs have become the order of the day. The Deputy Commissioner for Health in New York has just made an announcement of the marvellous results obtained by the use of new types of sulpha drugs on leprosy. "The terror of leprosy will be a thing of the past", he declared only a few days ago. Medical experts attending an international Congress of tropical medicines at Washington heard testimony about a new Vaccine, called B.C.G. after its French inventors, and its potentialities for preventing tuberculosis. Dr. Joseph D. Aronson of the University of Pensylvania, who appears to be the most enthusiastic believer in the efficacy of the new drug, pleaded its virtues before a committee of experts which has recommended a go-slow policy on the drug. Meanwhile the Health Ministry of the Government of India has come to the conclusion that mass vaccination with B.C.G. will be a cheap and effective method of reducing the incidence of tuberculosis which is said to be assuming epidemic proportions in the country. We are already being asked to seek immunisation against smallpox, plague, cholera, typhoid and so on. And now one more immunisation will be added to the list. If one wants to escape the Scylla of drugs one must court the Charybdis of Nature Cure, for which, of course, even taller claims are made by its votaries. Speaking the other day at the inauguration of a course in nature cure training at Malad, Miss C. Pain, a French Naturopath made the assertion that "freedom without nature cure is illusory because nature cure could win the freedom that really mattered—freedom from doctors drugs and diseases"; which assertion may lead a harassed reader to ask the question; "What about freedom from Nostrums for a while?"

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

In the last two years, notably in Czechoslovakia, there has been a growing tendency on the part of prominent Communists to blame Jews, as a supposed racial group, for almost anything. During the war, the Nazis confiscated 16,000 Jewish-owned properties, mostly small holdings, for no other reason than racial persecution; under the Republic these were supposed to have been restored, but, in fact, only a small fraction has been returned.

—"Worldover Press"

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A religious leaders' delegation from Hyderabad, headed by Maulana Waliullah Hussaini, is on a goodwill tour of India and has even been meeting Government Ministers including Pandit Nehru and Maulana Azad.

These religious leaders had, however, better be careful lest they earn a "fatwa" of treason from that super-leader, Syed Kasim Razvi.

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The well-known Master Tara Singh has sent a message to the Jewish Agency greeting the establishment of "the State of Israel" on behalf of "the Sikh community".

Masterji being what he is now-a-days, he ought to have said "the Sikh nation", oughtn't he?

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Replying to Parliamentary questions, Pak Foreign Minister, Sir Md. Zafrullah Khan said that of the twelve Pakistan diplomats from abroad three were recruited from Western Pakistan, one from Eastern Pakistan and eight from "non-Pakistan provinces".

Naturally and, of course, necessarily.

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WASHINGTON, May 19: President Truman decided today to forgo this week his regular news conference held on Thursday.

Ahem—sorry, we meant to say Hullo, why?

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Mr. Marshall's remarks about the conditions precedent to lifting by U.S. of embargo on arms to the Middle East are interpreted in Washington to mean that the U.S. is waiting for the Security Council to demand a halt to hostilities in Palestine because the policy of permitting arms traffic "would in essence constitute a move by the United States in direct support of Israel"

But that is what it is intended for.

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"It would" we are informed further, "likewise indicate virtual intervention in the war now raging in that area".

Of course it would as it would be meant to be. So what?

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The Security Council, bypassing American attempts to define Arab and Jewish areas, makes, in its resolution, reference only to areas "in which Arabs (or Jews) are in the majority".

We are indignantly amazed that Messrs. Warren Austin and Gromyko didn't jointly veto this expression. Why, it reduces the Jewish areas to a mere district.

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The American questions to Arab States regarding details of their agreement re-Palestine were deleted because only a minority of four voted for their retention, namely U.S., Britain, France and Colombia.

But good heavens, what were the U.S.S.R. and Yugoslavia doing?

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As regards the changing of "the Provisional Government of Israel" to "the Jewish authorities in Palestine" the Egyptian representative, we gather, wanted to water it down further to "representatives of Palestine Jews".

He was recklessly mistaken and ill-advised. "Representatives of Palestine Jews" could easily include not only all the Zionists and Jews of the world but Messrs. Truman, Stalin, Austin, Gromyko, Wallace—and Master Tara Singh—too.

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The U.S. General Hull, Commander of the Atomic Joint Task Force said of the recent Eniwetok tests: "We got our answer. We liked the answers".

Which, as you know, means the answers were most gratifyingly destructive. What a liking!

WHEN HOTEL WORKERS GO ON STRIKE

CALCUTTA, May 19 (API): A lightning strike by about 130 out of 1,100 employees of a leading Calcutta hotel today necessitated special arrangements by the hotel managment at an outside restaurant for lunch for the 200 boarders of the hotel.

Following retrenchment of about 20 of the Dining Room staff, 40 men in the kitchen barricaded themselves in sympathy and refused to allow lunch to be served. The police had to be called in but by the time they arrived the squatters in the kitchen yielded. They were served with notices of dismissal. Meanwhile the boarders were taken out to lunch at a neighbouring restaurant.

The managerial staff as well as staff from an associated hotel are now helping to run the services and the boarders had their dinner all right tonight. Services are expected to be normal from tomorrow, according to the hotel management.

Bevin Plan For 'Obliterating War For Ever'

PLEA FOR REGIONAL PACTS OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY

Labour Party Conference Supports Government's Foreign Policy

SCARBOROUGH, Yorkshire, May 20 (Reuter): The Labour Party Conference here today endorsed the Government's foreign policy by an overwhelming majority after hearing a review of "world danger spots" by Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin.

A miner's resolution supporting Mr. Bevin's policy and the Marshall Plan received 40,97,000 votes while only 2,24,000 votes supported a critical amendment by left-winger Konni Zilliacus.

Some 800,000 votes were not cast.

W. EUROPEAN UNION

Mr. Bevin's speech centred largely on the British Government's conception of Western European Union. The Government's aim, he explained, was to co-ordinate the ties uniting Britain with the Commonwealth and the new link being forged in Western Europe. He gave strong approval to a recent speech by Mr. Louis St Laurent, Canadian Minister for External Affairs, who said last month that special regional responsibilities assumed by the British Commonwealth nations had not weakened their general and close association.

Mr. Bevin refused to commit himself on German policy while the current six-power London Conference has not yet rendered its report.

A resolution from the floor asking for a western German currency reform and speedy steps to strengthen bizonal or trizonal Governments was referred to the executive at his request.

On Greece, Mr. Bevin said: "I cannot ignore the fact that 5,000 Greeks today are homeless. I cannot ignore the fact that children are being abducted and taken into other countries .....and one lift of a finger from a place you know would stop it tonight."

NO WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM GREECE

The conference rejected a resolution demanding the withdrawal of British troops from Greece and accepted a protest against all forms of terrorism in Greece, by either side.

Mr. Bevin said he had no intention of trying to change by force things done in eastern Europe that he did not agree with.

"I cannot change the Communism of Russia, and I am not going to try" he added.

REGIONAL PACTS

Mr. Bevin continued: "We must proceed to develop regional pacts of collective security where we can and not wait for final agreement of everybody.

"Those who will come in, let them. That will ultimately, I think lead to universal collective security and regional arrangements which will be the biggest contribution to obliterate war for ever".

Before long, Mr. Bevin added, he hoped for a conference of British Commonwealth Prime Ministers to dispel any misunderstanding between the Commonwealth and Western Europe.

An amendment criticising the Labour Government's foreign policy was defeated by a card vote of 4,097,000 against 224,000 at the Labour Party Annual Conference here today.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BEVIN'S REVIEW

Other highlights of Mr. Bevin's broad review of Britain's foreign policy according to the U.P.A. were:

Firstly, Britain was not prepared to sit idly by and the Communists seize points in Western Europe.

Secondly, the Western Union defence talks were not directed against anybody but designed to give the Governments the means of life for their people in the event of attack.

Thirdly, the Council of Foreign Ministers should agree to convene an immediate conference among the 15 to 16 nations which participated in the war against Japan.

Fourthly, one lift of a finger "from a place you know" would halt the civil war in Greece.

LABOUR PARTY EXECUTIVE

SCARBOROUGH, (Yorkshire) May 19, (Reuter): Mr. James Griffiths, Minister of National Insurance, was today elected chairman of the British Labour Party's Executive for the coming year and Mr. Sam Watson Durham miners leader, Vice-Chairman. Mr. Griffiths, who is 57, has held his ministerial post since 1945.

In the normal course of events Mr. Watson will succeed him as chairman for next year.

INDO-PAKISTAN AIR PACT

NEW DELHI, May 20 (UPI): It is learnt that the Pakistan Government have intimated their approval of the proposals of the Government of India for a bilateral agreement between the two dominions, in regard to air services. The agreement is expected to be signed at Karachi in the course of a week. Mr. Sri Prakasa, the Indian High Commissioner in Pakistan, will attest his signature to the document, on behalf of India.

INDO-U.K. AIR PACT TALKS

The talks that began in New Delhi yesterday between the representatives of the Government of India and the Government of the United Kingdom for concluding an air pact between the two countries are expected to be completed tomorrow. The trend of discussions suggests perfect unanimity among the representatives of the two Governments for signing an agreement immediately.

AMERICAN WAR MATERIAL FOR TURKEY

ISTANBUL, May 20 (Reuter): The American freighter 'Joe Mann' and two other cargo ships have arrived at Turkish ports with 7,500 tons of military equipment supplied under the United States Aid Programme.

The shipments include anti-aircraft guns, howitzers, machine-guns, radar and radio equipment, transport and ammunition.

BATTLE OF AIRPORTS ROUND BERLIN

BERLIN, May 19 (Reuter): Soviet air experts discussed new traffic regulations entailing the shutdown of British and American airports for Berlin at a meeting yesterday, the Soviet licensed paper 'Berliner Zeitung' reported today.

The Western Powers would be forced to use Russian controlled airfields and use of the British and American fields at Gatow and Templehof would be banned under the proposed regulations, the paper said.

The report added that Gen. Alexandrov, Chief of the Soviet Air Force in Germany, "considered" these proposals from Soviet experts but did not accept them. He proposed that the suggestions should be thought out "more carefully."

NO CHANGE IN S. I. R. SITUATION

MADRAS, May 20. (API): There is no material change in the strike situation except that train services are gradually being increased as more recruits are enlisted, says a communique issued by the General Manager, South Indian Railway, this afternoon.

The communique adds: Additional trains have been introduced between Trichinopoly-Erode and between Trichinopoly and Dindigul. Food grains and other essential commodities are being moved promptly.

U.S. Measure May Be Used Against Wallace's Party

WASHINGTON, May 20 (Reuter): The House of Representatives yesterday passed the "Subversive Activities Control" Bill designed to curb the operations of the American Communist Party.

Security Demand On Urdu Daily

NEW DELHI May 20 (API): A security of Rs 1,000 has been demanded from 'Naya Daur,' local Urdu daily, in respect of two articles headed "An Open Letter to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru" in the issue of April 19 and "Communalism in new form in East Punjab" in the issue of April 21.

The Delhi police have arrested a resident of Rampur State under the Arms Act on a charge of possessing a six chambered loaded revolver near the Delhi Railway Station.

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AHMED ABDUL GANI was convicted and sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment for falsifying accounts in a Government Grain Shop in respect of rationed articles.

Hassanally Ragunandan was convicted and sentenced to two months' simple imprisonment for unauthorised sale of bread and for profiteering in the same.

Soviet Unearths Secrets Of Past

Russian archaeologists are probing into the riddles of the past. They have already explored the Cave Of A Thousand Heads and discovered the mummified body of a girl buried 4,000 years ago. Read the thrilling account of those excavations in the next issue of the "Bombay Chronicle Weekly".

Turkey at Cross-Roads

Domestically Turky is developing along the lines of modern democracy. But her international position is still not so clearly defined. A well-informed article appears next Sunday.

Social Service Camps

The U. P. has launched the experiment of Social Service Camps to train the nations servants. Don't miss this pictorial feature.

Apart from this there is our Crime Serial and the usual features.

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MOVEMENT OF NEWSPRINT

Transport Minister's Clarification

NEW DELHI May 20 (API): Mr. Deshbandhu Gupta, Deputy President of the Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society, has received a letter from the Transport Minister, Dr. John Mathai, clarifying the present position of railway priorities in regard to the movement of newsprint, in reply to the representation he had made.

In his letter Dr. Matthai says: "In the previous priority list of six classes newsprint was in call III but with the reduction of the priority list of three classes, newsprint has been placed in class III(B). You will therefore see that newsprint has not been lowered so far as the general classification in the priority list is concerned. In the past the regional controllers of railway priorities assisted specific movements of newsprint in class 1(D) priority as a special case in spite of its being in class 111 ordinarily; the present position is that the regional controllers of railway priorities have been told to assist specific consignments of newsprint in a moveable class of priority, which has the same effect as placing specific movements in class 1(D).

"From enquiries made it is understood that newsprint has moved from Carnac Bridge, Bombay, to Delhi at the rate of more than one wagon a day. You will, therefore, see that whenever it is difficult to move newsprint in its normail class namely class 111(B) and specific details are furnished to the regional controller of railway priorities concerned, special assistance in a moveable class of priority will be afforded and this should, I think, solve your difficulties."

RUSSIA BOYCOTTS KOMMANDATURA

BERLIN, May 20. (Reuter): Soviet representatives to-day boycotted a meeting of the four-power allied Kommandatura's public safety sub-committee.

Last week there was a stormy scene in the sub-committee when the British representative, Colonel J. D. Stewart, questioned the Soviet—appointed Berlin police President, M. Paul Markgraf.

Although the British, American and French representatives were standing by for to-day's scheduled meeting, they did not go to the committee chamber as Colonel Alexis Yelisarov, Soviet Deputy Commandant, last night warned them that the Russians intended to boycott the meeting unless Colonel Stewart was brought to order".

U. S. RULES THE AIR

Can Bomb Any Target From American Base

WASHINGTON, May 20. (Reuter): The United States Air Force claimed to-day that a recent 8,000-mile "dummy" bombing mission had proved it could bomb from bases in this country almost any strategic target anywhere in the world.

The "dummy" raid was carried out by one of the air forces six-engined consolidated b-36 super-bombers.

The flight took place last Thursday and Friday over a set course between Texas and California and lasted over 36 hours.

The giant aircraft carried what the air force described as "a sizeable, useful load of dummy bombs" which were dropped halfway through the test.

The average speed of the plane on this flights was 220 miles an hour. The air force has on order 97 of these bombers, which are driven by six engines set in the rear of the wings.

There have been several flights longer than that made by the b-36 but all were intended solely for record-breaking purposes.

WHY SOCIALISTS RESIGNED

It Was Not For Weakening The Congress, Says Narendra Dev

ALLAHABAD, May 20. (A.P.I.): Acharya Narendra Dev, the Socialist leader, who has arrived here from Nainital on a brief tour, said that the criticism levelled against the Socialist Party based on the accusation that the party's real intention in resigning from the Congress was to weaken the Congress organisation, was false.

Mr. Dev said that the world's problems would only be solved by Socialist doctrines and the day was not far off when these doctrines would come into their own. The majority of the world's countries, he said, were governed by people with Socialistic learnings.

The Socialists had resigned from the Congress because that organisation as a body had begun to be guided in its policies by the Government in power. The Socialists stood for safeguarding the interests of the masses and for freeing them from the clutches of the capitalists.

Mr. Dev asserted that the Socialist party would always be prepared to help the present Government in matters affecting the peace and tranquility of the Indian Union and to co-operate with those agreeing basically with the principles of the party.

Ali Khan's Filly Wins

PARIS, May 19. (Reuter): Prince Ali Khan's filly Mary Stuart Second (Vatellor—You Funny Thing), who is engaged in the Epsom Oaks, won the Prix Legitime over one mile two and threequarters furlongs at Le Tremblay here this afternoon by half a length.

'Replace Maize' By Wheat

Chingleput Dt. Citizens' Appeal To Food Minister

MADRAS, May 20 (API): Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, India's Food Minister, had a busy time today visiting the deficit districts of Chingleput and South Arcot to study the food position there.

"Leaving Madras early this morning accompanied by Dr. T. S. S. Rajan, Food Minister, and other officials of the local Food Department, Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram motored to Guduvancheri in Chingleput District where he inspected some relief shops and made enquiries about the working of food rationing.

The Fodd Minister was told by the people there that maize flour issued as part of the ration "was of no use to them" and should, therefore, be replaced by an equal quantity of wheat or rice.

They also urged the lifting of the existing inter-district ban on movement of foodgrains.

Mr. Jairamdas stated that in view of the present scarcity of rice and wheat, people should get accustomed to taking maize. On the lifting of the ban on inter-district movement of foodgrains, the Food Minister said that experience had convinced them that prices would shoot up immediately, if the ban was removed.

The Food Minister and party returned to Madras in the evening after visiting Tindivannam and another village in South Arcot District.

At these places also representations were made to the Food Minister that maize should not be made compulsory in the present ration issued to them.

The present stock of maize with the Madras Government is about 80,000 tons.

No Export Of Cereals From C. P.

NAGPUR, May 20, (API): Mr. Jairamdas Doulatram, India's Food Minister, who passed through Nagpur 'en route' to Madras yesterday said that the Government of India had no intention of removing the ban on the export of cereals from the Central Provinces. Whatever exports would be allowed from the Province would be on Government account, he added.

The Food Minister added: "During the last two or three days, the Government of the Central Provinces and the Central Government have been planning how to assist Madras by controlling the prices in C.P., which is one of the Provinces which gives us its surplus foodgrains for helping deficit parts.

This arrangement would immediately help the C.P. Government to procure cereals for Madras at reasonable rates. In a variety of other ways, I have every expectation that the surplus areas of the country will be giving us utmost co-operation for meeting the deficit in Madras and also Bombay. I also believe that Madras will get larger quanties of rice in the coming months.

CHIANG SWORN IN

China's First Elected President

NANKING, May 20 (Reuter): Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek taking office today as China's first elected President, called on the United Nations to "be magnanimous" towards Japan and Germany.

China had no "excessive demands" on Japan, he declared, and within the limits set by the Allies Japan should be allowed to rebuild her economy so that her common people could be assured of a decent livelihood.

The 61-year-old Generalissimo had taken the oath of office before a packed Assembly.

In his address which was broadcast to the nation he said China was "greatly disturbed" over the worsening relations among the Allies.

Calling on all "freedom-loving and patriotic citizens" of China to rally behind the campaign against the Communists, the new President promised to "lay good foundations for democracy" in the country.

CHINESE CITIZENS IN BOMBAY CONGRATULATE CHIANG

BOMBAY, May 20 (API): Chinese citizens resident in Bombay today celebrated the installation into office of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and Gen. Li Tsun-Jen as President and Vice-Presdent respectively of the Republic of China, under the new constitution.

NANKING TROOPS IN DANGER OF COLLAPSE

NANKING, May 20 (Reuter): The entire Chinese Govt. position in south Jehol province was in danger of collapse today in the face of continuous attacks from greatly reinforced Communist columns, according to the latest pro-Government despatches.

The Jehol Provincial capital of Chengteh was said to be completely isolated by land from the outside world while Government defenders of the strongholds of Pingchuan and Lungha were reported to be gradually falling back under increased Communist pressure.

SOVIET ENVOY TO CHINA

SHANGHAI, May 20 (Reuter): Maj Gen. Nicolai Vassilievitch Roschin new Soviet Ambassador to China, arrived at Shanghai today aboard a Soviet vessel. He declined to make a statement on Soviet policy towards China.

Plenary Powers For Gurion

TEL AVIV, May 20. (Reuter): The Provisional State Council of the new Jewish State of Israel last night invested Mr. David Ben Gurion, Prime Minister, with wide emergency powers.

"We must act quickly and should not waste any time," Mr. Ben Gurion declared after a number of new laws and regulations were approved.

CORRESPONDENT KILLED

AMMAN, May 20 (Reuter).—Major Richard Wyndham, 52 year old Kemsley newspapers correspondent covering the Palestine fighting accredited to the Arab Legion was killed yesterday by a Jewish machine-gunner during the legions advance in the mount Scopus area of Jerusalem.

Major Wyndham dressed in Arab legion uniform rose from cover during Jewish fire from Hadrssah hospital on Mount Scopus to photograph a legionnaire mortarman advancing to establish a firing position and was shot in the chest by a burst of fire and died instantly.

JEWS FLEE BEFORE BIG ARAB LEGION GUNS

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"satisfactory and warranting great optimism".

World Reaction

Outside embattled Palestine itself, developments to-day included:

FRANCE: The National Assembly in Paris adopted a motion welcoming the formation of the new State of Israel and called on the Arab States to accept international co-operation to make peace.

EGYPT: The newspaper 'El Assasiss' said Britain might use the veto in the United Nations to prevent American proposals from being carried out and added: "Britain is not ready to relinquish her special position in the Middle East to another Great Power".

SYRIA: Arab leaders are planning early talks to discuss first results of their invasion of Palestine, Reliable sources said, informed observers did not exclude the possibility that the leaders might repeat their offer for a uniform Palestine State with equal rights for Jews and Arabs.

AMERICA: The United Nations Truce Commission in Palestine to-day cabled to the Security Council that it was considered impossible to prevent Arab forces from occupying the entire Arab zone of Palestine. Only the strongest action could prevent them from seizing parts of the Jewish Zone too.

Jews Abandon Jewish Agency Building

A U.P.A. message says:—

A report from the Arab radio station in Palestine, picked up in Cairo, to-day claimed that the Jews have abandoned the Jewish Agency building in Jerusalem.

Surrender Or Get Smashed

LONDON, May 20, (Reuter): Arab Legionaries said in Jerusalem tonight that unless the estimated 500 Jews holding out with their backs to the wall in the Jewish quarters of the old city surrender "within the next 24 hours the area will be smashed to rubble by Legion mortars and field guns.

BRITAIN WON'T REPLY TO SHERTOCK'S PLEA

LONDON, May 20, (Reuter): Britain will not reply to the communication received last Tuesday from M. Moshe Shertok, Foreign Minister of the new State of Israel, in which he appealed for British recognition, a Foreign Office spokesman stated today.

The Foreign Office spokesman also stated that Britain will support the candidature of M. Paul Van Zeeland, former Premier of Belgium, for the post of United Nations mediator in Palestine.

British support, it is understood, depends on M. Van Zeeland's acceptability to both Jews and Arabs and on his own willingness to accept the post.

STOP PRESS

U.S. TIGHTENS GERMAN BORDER CONTROL

FRANKFURT, May 20 (UPA): The United States has closed the border between the American and Russian zones of Germany, even to official Soviet missions, it was learned today. Under an order, all Russians henceforth must enter the American zone through the United States check-point in the British zone. Telegrams conveying the order gave no reasons for the clampdown on Russian movements.

POLICE SEARCH EGYPTIAN U.N. ENVOYS OFFICES

NEW YORK, May 20 (UPA): Police Emergency and bomb squads searched today through the sixty-second floor offices of the Egyptian United Nations delegation in the Empire State Building.

INDONESIAN CONVENTION

BATAVIA, May 20 (Reuter): A Dutch spokesman announced that an Indonesian convention, not including Republicans, would be opened on May 27 at Bandoeng, West Java, by Dr Hubertus Van Mook, Dutch Lieutenant Governor-General.

The convention is expected to outline non-Republican views about the proposed United States of Indonesia and the Netherlands Indonesian Union.

ISRAEL'S ENVOY AT U.N.

LAKE SUCCESS, May 20, (U.P.A.). The Jewish state of Israel today named Aubrey S. Eban, a South African, who first went to Palestine as a British Army Major, as its official representative at the United Nations. His appointment gave the world's youngest state one of the world's youngest Ambassadors. Eban is 33.

BRITISH ARMS AND SUBSIDY FOR TRANSJORDAN

Treaty Obligations Will Be Fulfilled Says Foreign Office Spokesman

LONDON, May 20 (Reuter): Britain will continue to pay a subsidy to the Transjordan Army and to provide arms to Transjordan, Egypt and Iraq in accordance with treaty obligations unless the United Nations decides against it, a British Foreign Office spokesman stated here.

The spokesman was asked whether Britain would continue to allow British Officers to serve with the Transjordan forces, pay a subsidy to the Transjordan Army and to provide arms for the forces of Transjordan, Egypt and Iraq in accordance with existing treaty arrangements, in spite of the outbreak of fighting in Palestine.

He replied. "Unless and until the United Nations decides that such action is illegal there is no reason for Britain to depart from her treaty obligations".

The spokesman said that the subsidy to Transjordan, reliably believed to amount to £2,000,000 annually, has been voted by Parliament until the end of the present financial year in 1949. The British Government was under a statutory obligation to continue payment at least until that date.

18 PERSONS FROM HYDERABAD ARRESTED IN INDIAN TERRITORY

ELLORE, May 20, (A.P.I.): Eighteen persons coming from Hyderabad State in a jeep and a trailer were arrested yesterday on their entering the Indian territory at Sivapuram, near Ellore, by the local police suspecting them to be Communists, it is learnt here.

Questioned by the police, they are stated to have replied that they were State Congress workers and were proceeding to Palavancha taluka "to combat the Razakar menace".

The police are stated to have seized from them seven guns, seven steel helmets, quantities of electric wire, red sulphate, potassium, one basket of gun powder and sticks of dynamite. The police have also seized the jeep and the trailer.

The suspected ones have been brought to Ellore and detained under the Maintenance of Public Order Act and Arms Act.

Released After Interrogation

HYDERABAD, (Dn.), May 20, (A.P.I.): Sixteen Harijan workers arrested last night by the Secunderabad police and detained at James Street Police Station were released this morning after interrogation.

It is understood that Mr. P. Ramaswamy and 15 other Harijan workers were holding a meeting last night at the residence of the former to discuss a resolution of the All-India Depressed Classes League, Hyderabad, to form a Nationalist Harijan organisation and affiliate it with the All-India body when they found that the residence had been cordoned off by the Razakars. After the President of the local branch of the Majlis had arrived and taken a report from the Razakars, the police are said to have arrived on the scene and marched off workers to the police station where they were detained for the night.

SEVEN MORE COMMUNISTS KILLED

The Nizam's Government today announced the killing of seven more Communists in clashes with the Hyderabad police and the death of one Hyderabad soldier and serious injuries to another in what was described as a "surprise attack on the Hyderabad military outpost at Parad in Aurangabad District on May 14.

ARREST WARRANTS CANCELLED

The Nizam's Government have cancelled warrants of arrest against six Congress "agitators", announces a press note issued today. They include Pranesh achari, General Secretary Hyderabad State Congress and Govinddas Shroff and Anant Krishna Waghmere, members of the State Congress Working Committee.

Another press note announces the cancellation of arrest warrants against a further batch of six Communists.

RAJEN BABU AT SIROHI

Rs. 51,000 Presented For Gandhi Memorial Fund

(From Our Correspondent)

SIROHI, May 20.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Congress President, inaugurating the open session of the Sirohi Rajya Praja Mandal at Padiv said that the efforts of Gandhiji bore the fruit of freedom. He appealed to the people to work out the Constructive Programme of Mahatmaji so that we may derive the utmost benefit from the recently achieved independence.

A purse of Rs. 51,000 was presented to Dr. Prasad by the Dowagar Maharani of Sirohi State on behalf of the people for the Gandhi Memorial Fund.

Improvement In Posts And Telegraphs Services

BOMBAY, May 20.

Various measures being adopted by the postal authorities for improvement in their services through reorganisation of the recently started Complaints Bureau were inspected yesterday by Mr. D. Bhima Rao, Deputy Director General of Posts and Telegraphs, Government of India.

Mr. Bhima Rao left for Nasik today to acquaint himself with different steps being taken by the authorities to effect further improvement in the Posts and Telegraphs Services in that district.

The Complaints Bureau for Posts and Telegraphs is being reorganised throughout the country and special attention is being devoted to district

4000 Tin Plate Workers On Strike

JAMSHEDPUR, May 20. (API): A labour dispute involving about 4,000 workers is in progress at the Tin Plate Company of India since May 17.

BARODA, May 20, (API): A fire broke out in the G. B. S. Railway stores near Pratapnagar railway station on the night of May 18, causing some damage. The fire was immediately brought under control by the fire brigade. The cause of the fire is not known.

HALI COMMITTEE

Morarji And Nanda To Attend Meeting At Bardoli

SURAT, May 20. (A.P.I.): Mr. Morarje Desai, Home Minister, and Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Labour Minister, Government of Bombay, are expected to attend a meeting of the Hali Committee at Bardoli on June 12. The Committee which has been appointed by the Government of Bombay to enquire into the conditions of the landless labourers in Surat District and adjoining areas will discuss action to be taken "to free the slave labourers".

offices.

Cloth Dealers' Employees Threaten Strike

KANPUR, May 20, (API): Nearly 4,000 employees of the local cloth dealers have, it is learnt, threatened to go on strike if their demands are not met by May 22.

The demands of the employees relate to a substantial increase in their monthly remunerations.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

.. NEW YORK COTTON JULY

NEW YORK May 20:

Previous closing	37.10
Today's opening	37.10
Difference	Nil
Today's closing	37.55
Difference	+45
October—Today's closing	34.11

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, May 20:

Silver Bullion Forward	Rs. 172 2
Silver Chambar	Rs. 172 2
Gold Forward	Rs. 116 8
Sovereign	Rs 74 8

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, May 20:

Opening prices:

Anaconda copper mining 39:

General Motors 59:

United States steel common 79-1.2:

Pref unquoted.

WAIT A MOMENT!!!

Don't Rush To Help The CLOTH PROFITEER.

ADMITTEDLY—

You Need Cloth URGENTLY—

But not so DESPERATELY as to literally throw away YOUR HARD EARNED MONEY.

WAIT A WHILE

AND

YOU WILL HAVE YOUR CLOTH

AT REASONABLE RATES.

There is ENOUGH CLOTH to meet Everybody's Normal Requirements

AND

Government is making efforts to bring down The Present Abnormal Cloth Prices

TO A REASONABLE LEVEL.

***Wait* and *Save* YOUR MONEY**

Bribery Charge Against Ghavam Es Sultaneh

Immediate Prosecution Demanded

TEHERAN, May 19 (Reuter)—Immediate prosecution of the former Persian Prime Minister Guavam es Sultaneh is demanded in a new bill of indictment presented to the Majlis today charging him with having recognised the short-lived Communist regime in Azarbaijan in 1947 as a legal government.

The Government Committee investigating charges of bribery and corruption against Ghavam have obtained many files about the case from the Ministry of Justice, it was announced here.

Ghavam es Sultaneh, aged 73, and reported to be a millionaire resigned the Premiership at the end of last year and almost immediately left for Paris. Teheran radio recently reported that the charges against him included accepting bribes of 8,500,000 rials (about £65,000) for issuing import licences for rice and 5,500,000 rials (about £42,000) for tea import licences.

State Dept. Reply Causes Surprise In Kremlin

MOSCOW, May 19, (Reuter): Tass, the Soviet Official News Agency, said tonight that "leading Soviet circles" were surprised at yesterday's statement from the State Department that Generalissimo Stalin's proposals to Mr. Henry Wallace could not serve as a basis for Soviet-American talks.

The Soviet statement said: 'Despite the fact that M. Stalin did not address himself officially to the Government of the United States, but gave a reply in his letter of May 17 to Mr. Wallace's open letter, the State Department considered it necessary to make a special statement to the press on M. Stalin's reply to Mr. Wallace.

"The State Department on the one hand, recognises the importance of M. Stalin's statement on the possibility and necessity of peacefully settling outstanding questions in the interests of universal peace.

As is known under the Roosevelt Government the most difficult international questions were settled between representatives of the U.S.A. the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain in complete agreement and unanimity for more than three years.

The question therefore arises: Why now is it considered impossible to reach agreed decisions of the powers on new, less difficult questions. Is it not perhaps because the present Government of the United States has departed from the Roosevelt policy and is pursuing a different policy? The Soviet public considers that the situation that has arisen is the result of the aggressive attitude adopted by the present Government of the United States of America.

No Press Conference This Week

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter)—President Truman decided today to forego this week his regular news conference, usually held on Thursday.

Rajen Babu To Open Congress Seva Dal Camp

NEW DELHI, May 19 (API): The All India Instructors' Training Camp of Congress Seva Dal will be inaugurated by the Congress President Dr. Rajendra Prasad on May 26 at Lakshman Park, Dehradun. The camp is to run till June 30. Those who are selected as candidates have been advised to reach Dehradun on May 25 with necessary kit.

Regal

PURSUED (Warner Bros.)
Principal Players: Robert Mitchum, Teresa Wright, Dean Jagger, Judith Anderson, Alan Hale.
Director: Raoul Walsh.

Here is a grim melodrama with few light touches to disperse the gloom. It is played against a sombre background of the mountainous New Mexico at the turn of the century.

Many of the incidents, such as a family feud which is the basic theme, are the familar ones we encounter in Westerns. The picture, however, is lifted out of the rut by the fine acting of the entire cast and most of all by the presentation. It is indeed an achievement when old situations can be made to play on one's emotions as the present ones do.

A feud between the Rands and the Callums, results in all the former being slaughtered except little Jeb Rand who is adopted by Mrs. Callum and brought up along with her two children, Thorley, a girl and Adam a boy.

Jeb has a secret fear of being pursued linked up with a childhood recollection of spurs. Growing up, he and Thorley fall in love, but her brother Adam, instigated by his uncle Grant Callum, objects to their marrying. He waylays Jeb in a lonely spot, but is himself killed in the ensuing fight.

When the jury exonerates Jeb, Thorley and Mrs. Callum disown him. Later, the girl decides to marry him so that she may kill him in the moment of his love's triumph, and thus avenge her brother's death.

The film mounts to an intensely powerful climax, when Thorley, unable to carry out her plan, joins the husband she loves in the ruins of his childhood home. Captured by the Callums led by Grant, Jeb is about to be hanged when Mrs. Callum, taunted by her daughter for starting the feud over her old love for Jeb's father, shoots Grant and sends the lovers on their way.

Robert Mitchum's work as Jeb who is haunted by the memory of his father's spurs before the latter was killed is surprisingly mature. He brings to the role a ruggedness and virility that will fascinate the average woman. Teresa Wright is equally good in the difficult part of Thorley.

Outstanding in featured roles, are Judith Anderson as Mrs. Callum, Dean Jagger as Grant and Allan Hale as Jake Dingle, a kindly gambling saloon owner who takes Jeb into partnership when he becomes homeless.

Raoul Walsh, the director, is to be congratulated over the moving way in which he has portrayed hackneyed situations. He might, however, have added a few more humorous touches to counteract the depressing mature of the plot. Again, the opening is in the usual flash-back style which is now beginning to pace. The psychological approach towards each character, is something rare in Westerns and enhances the value of the present production.

Well worth pursuing.

SEEING THE SHOWS WITH "SARDI"

Teresa Wright and Bob Mitchum make attractive lovers in Warner's "Pursued" (Regal).

"Pursued" Powerful, Well-Acted Western Melodrama—Kaye Continues Along His Crazy Way—"Down Argentine Way" Revived

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Metro: 2nd Week

THE SECRET LIFE OF WALTER MITTY (Goldwyn)
Principal Players: Danny Kaye, Virginia Mayo, Ann Rutherford.
Director: Norman Z. McLeod.

I am no lover of slapstick; but I must confess to being captivated by this piece of amusing nonsense. Even the generous footage did not seem to matter, though it served to make many scenes long drawn-out.

The theme is the old one of the goose-hearted, mollycoddled youth who gets a vicarious thrill from his dream life and finally emerges a hero. Danny Kaye takes to the part of Walter Mitty as a duck to water.

You are bound to chuckle at Walter visualising himself as a greatly admired surgeon; a drawling Southerner who wins a fortune and a bride with the flick of a card; an English flier hero who talks with a clipped "haw-haw" accent, a fast-shooting cowboy and a French milliner during a mannequin parade.

Day dreaming turns into reality for poor Mitty when he becomes involved with a blonde who is being used by crooks as a pawn on their chessboard. It's one long scream when nobody believes Walter's story and imagines it to be a case of "Cry Wolf"! He finds himself almost trussed up like a turkey when he falls into the clutches of a psychiatrist who is one is the shadies.

Danny Kaye is the presiding spirit of fun in this picture. He overshadows all the featured players—even Boris Karloff as the murderous doctor. Virginia Mayo as the blonde and Virginia Field as the fiancee Walter deserts at the altar, join the list of Kaye's stooges.

Youngsters and "old boys" will revel in this fare.

It's no secret this is a scream!

FAREWELL TO THE TURKISH BATH?

At the Monday Press Show, the Metro, after three long summers, ceased to be a Turkish Bath—thanks to the new Publicity Officer who promptly heeded the request for better ventilation, by providing extra fans.

I am keeping my fingers crossed, though—just in case the fans refuse to work in the future.

Carmen Miranda in a song and dance number from 20th Cen. Fox's "Down Argentine Way" (Strand).

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Strand

DAWN ARGENTINE WAY (20th Cen. Fox-Reissue)
Principal Players: Carmen Miranda, Don Ameche, Betty Grable.
Director: Irving Cummings.

America is often described as a civilisation without a culture. This old film, which marked the debut of the hot Tamale Carmen Miranda, bears out the description—far from the land of flamboyancy and flash comes this technicolour perpetration of life in S. America, yet another gaudy playground if the screen is to be believed.

The characters are superficial ones pursuing their senseless gaieties or pandering to their own whims and fancies. In the present world, these foibles seem in one and irritating. What should be done to the likes of the pampered society girl, played by Betty Grable, is to put them across the knees and spank them on the tenderest part of their anatomy.

This giddy-heroine from New York goes all the way to Argentina because she is fascinated by a prejudiced old race-breeder's son. Henry Stephenson and Don Ameche play these roles with rather thick Latin accents which would make one laugh, if one were not enfuriated with the general inanity unfolded on the screen.

Long-legged Charlotte Greenwood is here to add to the ludicrousness of the whole. Carmen Miranda wriggles her hips and pouts her nose like a spoilt Pekinese—though I'd rather have the latter any day.

Down the syncopated way.

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SUNDAY MORNING SHOWS

STRAND—10-30 a.m.: "Reap The Wild Wind"—John Wayne, Susan Hayward.
BANDRA TALKIES—10-30 a.m.: "Gaslight"—Susan Hayward, Charles Boyer.
METRO—10 a.m.: "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty"—Danny Kaye, Virgina Mayo.

CHINA'S FIRST CABINET

Chang Chun Turns Down Offer

SHANGHAI, May 19, (U. P. A.): The usually reliable Chinese newspaper, "Sin Wan Pao," in Nanking, said today that Chang Chun had turned down an offer to form the first cabinet under the new constitution.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who returned to Nanking from a brief holiday at Wushin, summoned Ho Ying-chin for a conference at his private residence. The talk was believed connected with the formation of a cabinet.

There is speculation that Dr. H. H. Kung might be offered the post.

Danish M.P.s. For London

COPENHAGEN, (Reuter): An invitation from the British Parliament for 12 Danish M. P.s to visit London in June has been accepted, it was learned here.

The invitation was contained in a letter to Mr. V. Buhl, Chairman of the Danish Parliamentary Union.

Pressure Tactics In Marshall Aid

WASHINGTON, May 20 (Reuter)—Congressman Emanuel Celler (Democrat, New York) in a speech in the House of Representatives, said last night that he would introduce a bill denying Marshall aid to Britain "unless the Secretary of State Mr. Marshall is able to bring pressure to bear upon Mr. Bevin to remove the Arab legion from Palestine"

He said the Arab legion's entry into Jerusalem "is an invasion which can be called off in a trice by the British Foreign Minister, Mr. Bevin.

Mr. Bevin can call off these mad Arab dogs of war if the United States demanded it. Britain would not dare to continue what the United States disapproves."

In New York the American Zionist Emergency Council asserted, "the time has come for the United States to deny to Britain the means to supply Arab aggressors."

The Council was commenting on a British foreign spokesman's statement that the British Government would continue to supply arms, money and officers to the Transjordan Arab Legion and to the armies of the other Arab States.

The Zionist statement added: "The United States cannot be expected to finance indirectly an organised onslaught on a friendly state. Nor can peace-loving American citizens—Jews and non-Jews—be expected to contribute to the Arab war to annihilate Israel."

'Cease Fire' Move In Security Council

British Cannot Agree

LAKE SUCCESS, May 19 (Reuter): Sir Alexander Cadogan, Britain, asserted to-night that the Security Council cannot now determine juridically who is the aggression in Palestine and that Britain cannot therefore agree to the invocation of Article 39 of the Charter.

This article, providing that the Security Council should determine the existence of any threat to the peace, is the base for the American resolution calling on the Arabs and Jews in Palestine to cease fire and standfast on their present fighting lines.

Sir Alexander, proposing an amendment to the United States resolution, called the standfast proposal "attractive" but "ambitious", and asked how the Council would determine the location of opposing forces, and now supervise an observance of the standfast if it were accepted.

He asked for a thorough study of the juridical status of Palestine, saying that the proclamation which set up the Jewish state was an unilateral action.

He said that the original Assembly resolution of last November instructed the United Nations Commission to see that Jewish and Arab states were set up, with economic union, and to draft a constitution which would define the rights of each group, preparing the way for Arab Jewish independence in Palestine on October one this year.

Main change of Sir Alexander's resolution was a preamble asking the Security Council to bear in mind "the change in the juridical status of Palestine consequent upon the termination of the mandate, and the necessity for further clarification of this status".

Like the American text it then calls on all parties to stop fighting within 26 hours after the resolution is passed, but adds that the Truce Commission should give first priority to negotiating a truce in Jerusalem.

Mr. Warren Austin strongly opposed the British amended version, claiming that the Security Council had the duty under Chapter Seven of the charter to deal with all threats to the peace, whether inter-nation or not.

Sir Alexander challenged the Council to define the status "of the geographical entity known as Palestine" and declared that thede would be nothing in law "to prevent action of a peaceful character directed to the setting up of a Government or Governments in Palestine, even if this were done with the help of another state or states" provided that the action were not inconsistent with any Assembly resolution.

M. Fernand Van Langennove (Belgium) supported the British view.

He said it was not practical to attempt to take the Palestine question into chapter seven. One of its provisions, he said was economic sanctions. "Are we then going to make the same mistake as the League of Nations did in Ethiopia? he said

CADOGAN ADVOCATES CAUTION

Sir Alexander Cadogan insisted that article 39 of the charter was meant specifically to apply to breaches of international peace, although its wording does not so state. This he suggested, was an oversight, as the article went on to say what should be done to restore "international peace and security".

He said Britain had grave doubts about the wisdom or expediency of invoking article 39 at this stage.

He said there would be nothing legally to choose between the claims of the Jews to have set up a state in the area given them under partition, and any claims of the Arabs to have set up a state over the whole of Palestine. He asked, "If our attention is focussed now on certain moves by the Arab states, what do we think of the Jewish attack on Jaffa—to mention only one incident"?

He cautioned the Council against committing itself to "a road of which we cannot see the end." He urged again that a more modest immediate aim be taken and said that the Truce Commission should give first priority to the negotiation of a truce for Jerusalem.

After Dr. Tsiang (China) had raised objections to the American resolution similar to those of the Belgian delegate, the Council adjourned until tomorrow.

INDONESIA TALKS FAIL AGAIN

Issue May Be Taken To Security Council

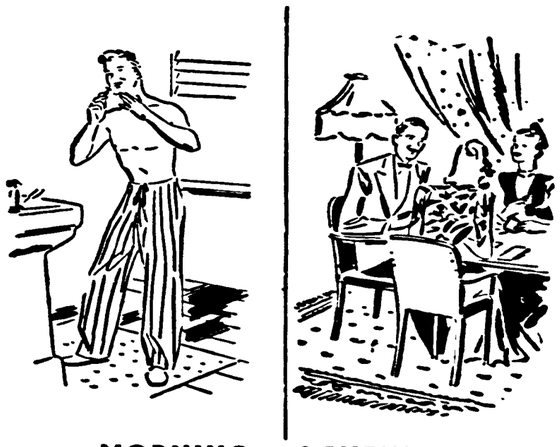
BATAVIA, May 20 (Reuter): The Dutch and Indonesian Republicans had failed to reach complete agreement on any major issues of their dispute when they ended their current series of talks here to-day, it was reliably learned.

The negotiations, sponsored by the Security Council's Good Offices Committee, will continue next week in Jogjakarta, the Republican Capital.

A Republican spokesman said his delegation expected the "crucial stage" in the talks to be reached in two or three weeks. Other reliable observers said the dispute might then be taken to the Security Council.

The Negotiations Steering Committee will meet to-morrow to decide what can be done to bring the parties closer together during next week's talks.

7 o'clock and all's well . . .



MORNING and EVENING

Here's a blade that will amaze a
Man who's angry with his razor,
One that shaves him in a trice;
'7 O'CLOCK'—it's sharpened thrice.

Smarter men, when play begins,
All have smoothly shaven chins.
Clubs or Diamonds, Hearts or Spades
7 O'CLOCK's the Ace of Blades.

Shaving with '7 O'CLOCK' puts an end to worrying about your chin as the evening wears on. Their triple-ground edge shaves so closely that your chin keeps its morning smoothness all day. And 7 O'CLOCK's extra sharpness means they last longer than any other blade.

7 O'CLOCK SLOTTED BLADE DOUBLE EDGED

7 o'clock SLOTTED BLADES

AS. 6 PER PACKET OF 5

Wash yourself often with

LIFEBUOY SOAP

—it protects you from the germs in dirt

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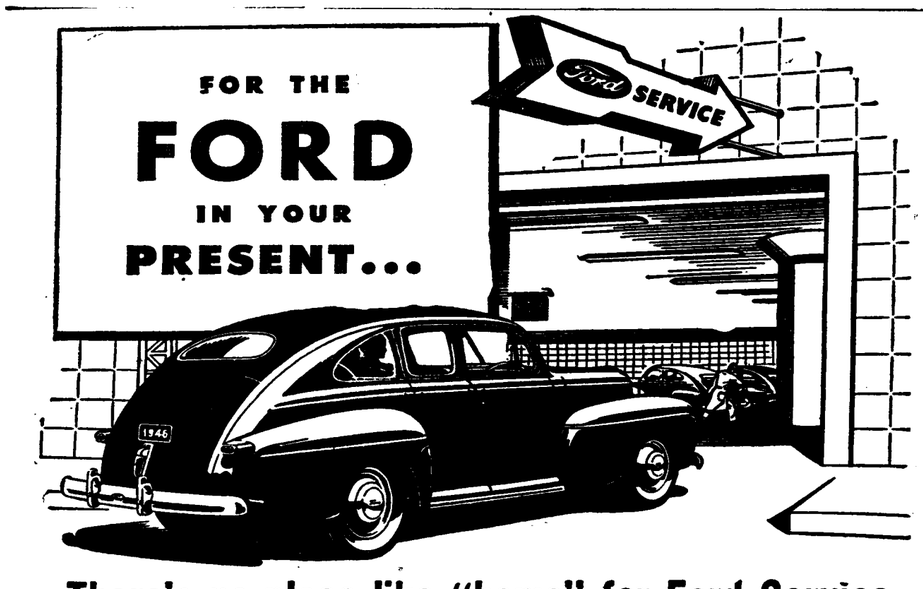

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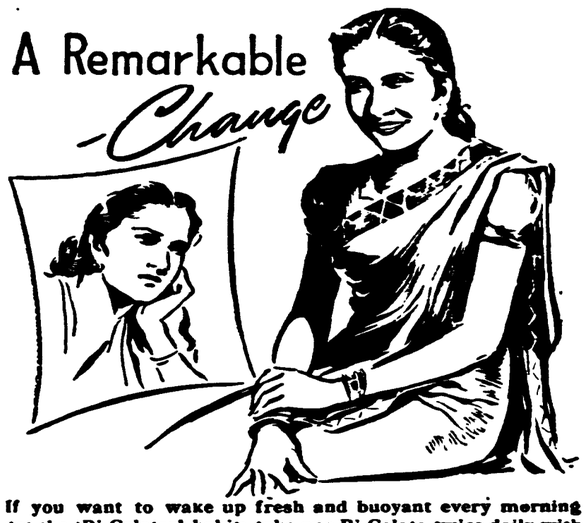


If you want to wake up fresh and buoyant every morning get the 'Bi-Colates' habit; take one Bi-Colate twice daily with meals, or if stronger action is needed two at bedtime, the tired feeling will then vanish, you will feel and look younger, your eyes will have the sparkle of youth and your cheeks the glow of health. A scientific remedy of proved efficacy, Stearns' Bi-Colates are highly recommended by the medical profession.

BI-COLATES STEARNS

COTTON IMPROVES AFTER EARLIER DECLINE

Quiet Tone In The Bullion Market

BOMBAY, May 20.

Sagging tendency was noticed in the Cotton Market which opened quietly steady today and sharply declined due to heavy liquidation by professional operators.

May opened at Rs. 740 and gradually declined to Rs 728 in absence of any support. July opened at Rs. 753, and lost 15 points under consistent selling pressure. September which opened at Rs. 761 was quoted during the mid-session at Rs. 746.

The tendency at the outset was decidedly bearish and with more and with still further liquidation July was quiet around Rs. 730. With fresh support coming in at this low level the earlier hesitating tone disappeared, and prices improved to a considerable extent. Further impetus was given by the news that Japan had purchased 25,000 bales of cotton. The closing tone of the market was steady. Following were the closing quotations:—

May 735; July 745; September 754.

FLUCTUATIONS IN JULY COTTON

Opening Rs. 752, 740, 735, 738, 730, 742, and 745 closed.

SHARE BAZAR

BOMBAY, May 20.

The local Stock Exchanged remained closed today as a mark of appreciation of the Saurashtra Government's action in abolishing the obnoxious tax on the Jain temples in Palitana.

The undertone of the market was steady and Tata Deferred and Bombay Dyeing were privately quoted around their last closing levels.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Tata Ordinary 331; Tata Deferred 1660; Indian Iron 30; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 24-8; Bombay Dyeing 1130; Central India 332-8; Gokak 330; Kohinoor 661-4; Simplex 237; Swadeshi 665; Tata Power 1482-8; Associated Cement 171-4; Belapur 343-2; Bombay Burma (Old) 445; Scindia 28-2; Central Bank 85; New India 70; Tata 2nd Pref. 136-4.

Imperial Bank Of India

The following is the statement of the Imperial Bank of India as on May 14, 1948.

LIABILITIES	Rs.
CAPITAL:—	
Authorised—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000
Issued and Subscribed—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000
Called up 75,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, fully paid	3,75,00,000
1,50,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, Rs. 125 paid	1,87,50,000
	5,62,50,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders—Rs. 375 per share on 1,50,000 shares	5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund	6,25,00,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts	278,25,97,000
Loans against Securities per contra	—
Acceptances for Constituents	—
Sundries	1,65,48,000
Rupees	2,91,78,95,000

ASSETS	Rs.
INVESTMENTS:—	
Government Securities	1,43,45,81,000
Other Authorised Investments	6,18,94,000
	1,49,64,75,000
ADVANCES:—	
Loans	29,83,74,000
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	63,85,00,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased	5,70,53,000
	99,39,27,000
Liabilities of Constituents for Acceptances per contra	—
Dead Stock	1,56,51,000
Sundries	1,96,81,000
Bullion	—
CASH:—	
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	35,12,88,000
Balances with other Banks	4,08,73,000
	39,21,61,000
Rupees	2,91,78,95,000

THE EXCHANGE BANK OF INDIA AND AFRICA LTD.

Head Office: Fort, Bombay

The 5th Annual General Meeting of The Exchange Bank of India and Africa Ltd., was held on the 20th May, 1948, afternoon when the Balance Sheet and Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, were adopted. Dividend of 3 per cent free of Income Tax on Ordinary Shares and Dividend of 4 per cent free of Income Tax on Preference Shares was declared.

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, May 20.

After steady opening an easy tendency was noticed in the local bullion market due to increased long liquidation by professional operators.

Forward Silver opened at Rs. 173-6 and steadily declined to Rs. 172-2 due to absence of any fresh support. Ready Silver was quoted two annas higher.

Ready Gold opened at Rs. 116-10 and thereafter declined to Rs. 115-14 under active selling. At this stage moderate support appeared and Forward Gold came to be quoted at Rs. 116-2 at which level it steadied.

Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 75-4.

In the afternoon further scattered liquidation brought forward gold to Rs. 171-6 and forward silver to Rs. 115-14 respectively. The Bazar thereafter moved narrowly and indicated steadiness in the close with a slight improvement in the quotations. The following were the closing quotations:

Forward Gold	Rs. 116-4
Ready Gold	Rs. 116-4
Forward Silver	Rs. 172-4
Ready Silver	Rs. 172-8
Sovereign	Rs. 75-4

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, May 20.

The local produce market opened quietly steady with moderate liquidation which brought the prices to a slightly lower level. Castorseeds May delivery was quoted around Rs. 139-8. The following were the closing quotations at 5 p.m.:—

	Rs.	As.
Khandesh quality	34	14
Coromandal ready	34	4
Bold ready	33	14
April-May	33	7
June-July	33	1
CASTORSEEDS:—		
Ready	30	8
May delivery	140	8
September	145	12
LINSEEDS:—		
Ready	27	7
April-May	27	9
July	27	9
OILS:—		
Groundnut ready	18	14
Groundnut May	18	14
Groundnut July	18	14
Linseed Oil	16	12
Castorseed First Pressing	20	2
Castorseed Commercial quality	16	4

Artificial Silk And Yarn Market

BOMBAY, May 20:

The following were the closing quotations at the Indian Artificial Silk and Yarn Market.

150 D. May	Rs. 7-12
150 D. June	Rs. 5-14
120 D. Ready	Rs. 9-8
150 D. Ready	Rs. 9
20-22 Yellow Silk ready	Rs. 21-10
20-22 Yellow Silk June	Rs. 21-12

WORTH STREET COTTON CLOTH MARKET.

NEW YORK, May 19, (U. P. A.): Cotton goods trading on the Worth Street Cotton Cloth Market today, was dominated by softening the print cloth prices and bag sheeting constructions.

Brokers said the current spurt in buying interest touched off by last week's stock market boom and the rise in raw cotton futures diminished with the placement of only small sample orders. Burlap handlers reported that slight shading in prices following lower Calcutta cables late on Tuesday and reports that stocks are backing up in the India market.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, May 19.

American Telephone and Telegraph	156-3/4
Amerex Holding Co.	25-1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining	39-1/4
Chase National Bank	36-7/8
Sinclair Oil	26-7/8
Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co.	49-5/8
General Electric Co.	39-1/4
General Motors	58-5/8
Ingersoll Rand	143-1/2
International Nickel	31-1/2
National City Bank of New York	41-5/8
New York Central Railroad Co.	17-1/4
Socony Bacuum Corporation	20
Texas Corporation	63-3/8
Union Carbide New Stock	41-3/8
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	56
U. S. Steel Corporation Common	79-1/8
Western Union Telegraph	25-1.2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, May 19

	£
Consols 2-1/2 p c	77-1/2
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	105-1/8
War Loan 3-1/2 p c 1952 and after	103-1/4
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	113
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	121-1/2
National Bank of India	39-1/4

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 8,786

LONDON BULLION.

LONDON, May 19.

Gold Bars fine per ounce £8/12/3.

Silver: Spot 45d. Forward 45 d.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, May 20.

The Calcutta Stock Exchange ruled steady and unchanged round all sections and a moderate business was put through.

Following are to-day's final transactions upto 2-30 p.m.:—

GOVT. SECURITIES: Three per cent Govt. Paper 98/14; three per cent Loan 1986 99/2; three per cent Loan 1953/55 102/10/6; three per cent Victory 1957 101/2 s lot; three per cent Loan 1959/61 101/9; three per cent Loan 1966/68 100/6.

BANKS: Bengal Central Bank 10 5. Bharat Bank 4/6; Reserve Bank 107; United Commercial Bank 62/4.

COTTONS: Basanti 10/5; Cawnpore Textiles 10/11; Elgin Mills 55/7; Kesoram 19/13; New Victoria Ordy 5/1.

COALS: Bengal 527; Bhalgora 10/2; Central India 7/10; Katras Jherriah 36 ct; Parasea 3/6; Raneegunge 20. South Karanpura 20 8; Churulia 4/13; Equitable 40/2 ct; Pench Valley 27; Western Bengal 6/4.

JUTES: Anglo-India 327; Baily 297; Budge Budge 209; Dalhousie 361; Ganges 430 ct; Kamarhatty 658; Megna 154; National 29/15. Nuddea 100. Presidency 7/2; Barnagore 298; Chitavalsah 25 8; India 222.

MININGS: Burma Corpn 4/1; Indian Copper 2/10; Karanpura Development 36/6; Tavoy Tin 1/6.

ENGINEERINGS: Brit. Building and Iron 9/7; Indian Iron and Steel 29/12; Jessop and Co. 20/12; Steel Corpn 24/7; Textile Machinery 3/3.

MISCELLANEOUS: Assam Bengal Cement 6/15; Sone Valley Cement 9; Alkali and Chemical 16/12; Bathgate and Co. 5/12; Alluminium Corpn 6/1; B. I. Corpn 8/10; F. and C. Osler 11/1; Indian National Airways 7/6; Ivan Jones 4/9; Jardine Henderson 166 small odd lot; Metal Corpn 5/10; National Tobacco 35; Spences Hotel annas fifteen; British Burma Petrol 2/11; Orient Paper 26/6; Midnapore Zemindary 97/8; Assam Saws 7; Indian Steamship 12/7.

SUGAR: Balrampore 9/6; Buland 15/12; U. P. Sugar 14/4.

TEAS: East India 18/6; "B" 10; Hansqua 20; Rajnagar 10; Sapoi 26 ct; Singtom 5/14.

New York Pepper Market

NEW YORK, May 19. (UPA): Black pepper closed inactive and nominally unchanged with no sales reported on the New York Pepper Market today.

Dealers reported that grinders and other consumers were reluctant to meet the current spot market basis but sellers were holding form or entirely withdrawn. Observers predicting higher prices pointed to relatively higher basis in India where some shippers were believed to be oversold and the uncertainty over supplies from Indonesia.

Closing prices included:—

May	46.00 nom.
July	46.00 nom.
September	46.00 nom.
October	46.00 nom.
October	45.00 nom.
December	43.50 nom.
January	41.00 nom.
March	40.00 nom.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, May 20, (Reuter): Today Stockmarkets have been coasting under steam generated yesterday. Price movements have shown little decided tendency although some sections have not been without features.

South American utilities continued to attract speculative buying. The terms of the Anglo-Brazilian financial agreement which is expected soon will show weather this speculative attention was justified.

Among industrials Dunlop Rubber lost one shilling at 73/9 following the maintainance of the dividend distribution at 15-1/2 per cent. Other issues in this section inclined slightly lower.

Among Mines, Ashanti goldfields were outstanding at 51/3 on news of very good developments. These follow the high strikes made in the earlier part of this month. South African dividend payers moved higher on the day after an initial period of dullness.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

MADRAS, May 20:

Weekend liquidation found the market again bare of buyers and rates were a shade quieter. Sellers again predominated. Teas exceptionally were steady particularly Chembras and Peermades. In textiles, Buckinghams and Meturs had sellers. Miscellaneous was dull. The market closed quiet.

Following are today's quotations in the Madras Stock Exchange.

SUGARS & BREWERIES: Deccan 18. Mysores 50 Travancore 11/10 Travancore Prefs. 5/1.

PLANTINGS: Chandra Malais 1/7 Chembars 5/10 Cochin Malabar 6 8 Highland Produce 29 Midlands 6/6 Midland Pref. 9/1/6 Nelliamphathys 1/8/6 Peermade CD 47/8 Peraiakaramalai 24/12 Pullangodes CD 1/8 Thirumbadi 2/3/6 T. R. T. and Co. 7/12 Vaikumdam 6/9 Waterfalls 2/13.

TEXTILES: Balasubramania 40 Balasubramania? 69/14 Buckinghams 347/8 Buckinghams Pref. 199 Cambodies CD 11 Coimbatore C. M. X. D. 93/8 Combatore Pioneer 102 Coimbatore Pioneer 102 Coimbatore Spgs. 47/12 Janardhanas 47/4 Lahsnmi 93/- Maduras 42 Metturs 328 Pankajas 86/12 Rangavilas 51/12 Trichinopolys 12 6 Trav Rayons 5/ Vasanthas 191/-.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra cements 66/12 Facts 6/7 India Cements 12/13 Mettur Chem 8/6 Mysore Chem and Ferts 11/4 Mysore Papers 14/- Spencer 11.

LONDON WHEAT.

London, May 19.

London Wheat Australian (Bulk) Unoffered

CHICAGO WHEAT.

CHICAGO, May 19

May 2.47.
July 2.33-1/2.
September 2.32-1/4.
December 2.32-3/4

New York Stock Market Irregular

ERRATIC TENDENCIES OWING TO LACK OF BUYING

Cotton Prices Steady On Covering And Trade Support

NEW YORK, May 19.

The stock market displayed mild recuperative tendencies in moderate dealings scoring gains of fractions to one point, featuring selected oils, rails, aircrafts, steels, rubber, minings and sugar. Buyers were cautious in view of the labour situation in the automotive field as well as lewis ending the softcoal contract talks. The averages were industrials 188.68 and rails 61.49. Erratic tendencies developed owing to lack of buying enthusiam with prices mixed to one dollar, losses in slight majority. Meatpackings moved mostly fractions higher on reports that a final settlement may be imminent of the protracted nationwide C. I. O. meatpacking strike. The composite average rate finished with a very small decline the market closed irregular.

CHICAGO GRAINS.

Chicago Grains were irregular with the upturn in wheat attributed to dry weather and high temperatures in the south-west and reports of smaller yields in parts of Oklahoma. The easiness of maize and oats reflected increased country sales and hedging. According to Washington advices, the Government support price for the 1948 wheat crop will average between 1.98 and 2.00 dollars a bushel on the farm, compared with 1.83 dollars last year.

NEW YORK COTTON.

NEW YORK, May 19.

After the opening irregularities prices drifted lower influenced by renewal of yesterday's liquidation of nearby July, slow developments of export business and favourable crop weather news. Later prices steadied on covering and trade support with subsidence of offerings a contributory factor. Otherwise the market was quiet and featureless awaiting fresh developments. The afternoon featured by the strength of nearby July attributable to technical reasons and talk of speedup of exports. Finally the entire list eased under profit-taking and lack of followup buying. The session closed steady. Sales are estimated at 175,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, May 19

May	32.66—06
July	37.10+08
October	34.03—04
December	33.36—04
March	33.00—07
Middling Spot	35.60+11

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, May 19.

July	37.06-06
October	34.04+04
December	33.35—01
March	33.01+01
Middling Spot	37.40+05

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, May 19

T. T. London on:—

New York Selling 4.0275, Buying 4.0375, Montreal Selling 4.0275, Buying 4.0375, Zurich Selling 17.34, Buying 17.36, Stockholm 14.47 to 14.50.

Czechs To Develop Bulgarian Trade

PRAGUE, (Reuter): Czechoslovakia will exchange machinery for food under the terms of the new commercial agreement signed this month while the Bulgarian delegation was in Prague to sign the Czecho Bulgarian treaty of mutual aid.

The agreement anticipates that trade between the two countries over the coming four-year period will bring about an exchange of goods of a total value of 3,400 million crowns (£17,000,000).

SHIPPING NEWS

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

IMPORTS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

S.S. SONAVATI

From Karachi:—1145 bags gowar, 228 bags dry current, 57 bags sarding, 4527 bales cotton raw, 44 figs, 69 cases alubukhara.

S.S. LONGVIEW VICTORY

From New York:—54 cases refrigeration spare parts, 2106 coils galvanized wire shorts, 320 odls used galvanized iron pipes, 113 cases carriage bolts and nuts, 131 cases unexposed motion picture film, 31 cases carriage bolts and nuts, 41 cases steel bolts and nuts, 41 cases printed theraplatic bolts 107 cases electric motors, 32 cases extended strippings, 200 drums chemicals sodium compounds, 99 cases cotton piecegoods, 34 cases cotton fents, 630 drums lubricating oil, 38 ctns household oil, 329 drums stock spoorber fluid, 138 drums lighten fluid, 72 cases canned goods.

From Alexandria:—555 bales Egyptian cotton.

S.S. SALVORE

From Trieste: 1344 cases diesel engines, 40 cases sewing cotton threads.

From Brindisi:—1650 bags unselled almonds, 649 bags shelled almond.

From Alexandria:—4480 bales Egyptian cotton.

EXPORTS

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORT

S.S. FIROZA

To Karachi:—50 barrels silicate of soda—E. Mahmed. 80 bags drugun—A. K. & M. Adamji, 34 bags drugun—A. L. Oomerbheeyasravalla, 25 bags puppysell—A. S. Tayab.

S.S. PRESIDENT MONROE

To Marseilles:—20 baras heena leaves—B. Churaivalla.

S.S. NORMAN MANARCH

To Rangoon:—10 bags black salt—A. Lookmanji and Co. 40 pkgs paint—Elephant Oil Mills Ltd.

S.S. AMBICA

To Karachi:—50 bags sort stone powder—Hawa Trading Co. 5 jottas sodium sulphate—N. Fatemohmed. 15 bdls bidis—A. K. A. Shakoor. 300 bags sinkhgeera—A. H. P. Essak. 15 drums silicate of soda—H. C. Umar Sons, 28 bdls bidis—H. R. M. Valimohmed, 30 cases katha—Ahmed and Co. 5 bales woolen blankets—V. Kamrudin 5 cases glass bangles—N. Dadkarim, 25 bags bidi—A. Valimohmed, 15 bags cotton waste—A. Allanoor.

—S. S. SARSORA—

To Karachi:+

400 bags mangoes— H. A. Hai and Sons 400 bags mangoes Usman Essa.

—S. S. CASTALIA—

To Liverpool:—

11 bales cotton piecegoods— Textile Export Ltd.

—S.S. MORELIA—

To Shanghai:—

700 bales cotton raw+ Kotak and Co.

—S.S. VARSOVA—

To Karachi:—

6 cases perfume hair oil Bartgan and Co. Ltd. 40 cases flour millstores P. Kheraj and Co.

S. S. DUMPA

To Abadan:—

7 barrels paint— The New Mahalaxmi Oil Mill.

To Basrah:—

9 barrels paint— The New Mahalaxmi Oil Mills

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

ARRIVALS

"PETERSTON" arrived from Rio Grande, on May 19, with 7060 tons of rice in bags. (T. Morrison).

"EMPIRE RAFA" arrived from London, on May 19, with some general cargo (M.M.)

"ALAVI" arrived from Karachi, on May 20, with 1799 tons of cargo (M.M.)

"EXMOUTH" arrived from New York, on May 20, with 3000 tons of general cargo and mail L. Edwards).

"FLYING CLIPPER" arrived from New York on May 20 with 7461 tons of general cargo (S. Wallace).

SAILINGS

"JANUS" sailed for Bahrain, on May 19, in ballast.

"CALEDONIA" sailed for Glasgow, on May 19, in ballast.

"ANNA" sailed for Cochin, on May 19, with 7200 tons of general cargo.

BANK SUSPENDS PAYMENT

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Prabhat Bank situated in Meadows Street, Bombay, has suspended payment to the depositors and creditors of the bank from Tuesday, May 18 under instructions from their head office at Lahore. In the course of a communication to the manager of the Bombay office dated May 17 the Managing Director of the Prabhat Bank stated: "whereas a scheme of arrangements with depositors under Sec. 153 and 153 (A) of the Indian Companies Act has been filed in the High Court at Simla and whereas it is desirable that a few depositors may not get undue preference over others by receiving payments, it has been decided to suspend payments to the depositors and creditors of the banks till the scheme is approved by the creditors and sanctioned by the High Court."

NO IMMEDIATE DEVALUATION

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter)—John Snyeder, Secretary of the United States treasury, said today there was no immediate prospect o the United States requiring Marshall plan countries to devalue their currencies.

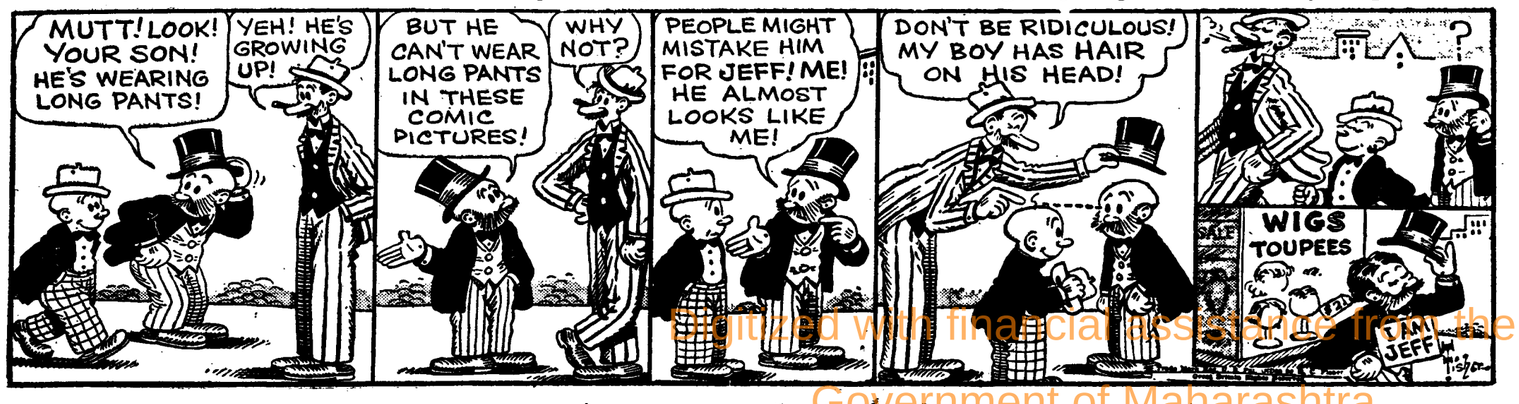
He told a press conference the question of devaluation would develop as the programme of world currency stabilisation proceeded.

The National Advisory Council, in a report to Congress earlier this week, recommended devaluation of some Marshall Plan countries currencies.

UMTALI, SOUTHERN RHODESIA, (Reuter): An African, William Manuel, who once drove Cecil Rhode's private carriage, died in Chipinga recently.

Mr. Manuel's age was uncertain but shortly before he died he told a friend that he was between 80 and 90 years of age.

MUTT AND JEFF—This Has Absolutely Nothing To Do With The "Tories And The Wigs" By BUD FISHER



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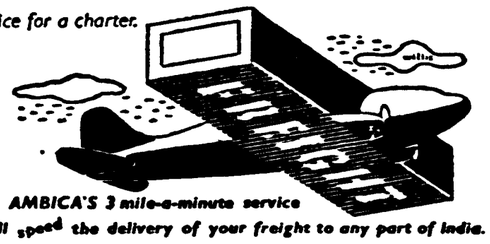

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Required for electricity Undertakings in the United and Central Provinces in India. several engineers with at least three years experience in a responsible position in an Undertaking of not less than 10.000 K.W plant capacity. Successful applicants would be posted as Assistant Resident Engineers in the first instance, with eventual promotion to Resident Engineer. if found suitable. Cars and houses. or allowances in lieu thereof are provided The posts carry excellent prospects for really first class men. Applications, stating age. training. experience, present position held and salary, should be addressed to Messrs. Martin & Co.. Electricity Supply Dept., 12, Mission Row. Calcutta. (8555)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY.

ELECTION TO THE SENATE BY THE CONSTITUENCY OF REGISTERED GRADUATES

AS REQUIRED by Statute 137 (a), it is hereby notified that Wednesday, the 7th July, 1948, has been fixed as the date of election to the Senate by the constituency of Registered Graduates to fill up FIVE vacancies which will occur on the Senate on the 4th August, 1948, by efflux of time.

2. In accordance with Statute 138, Tuesday, the 15th June, 1948, is fixed as the last date for the receipt of nominations in connection with the said election.

3. Under Statute 139, nomination papers must be in the prescribed form and must be dated and signed by two electors and, where possible, must contain the names in full, addresses, and designations, if any, of the two signatories and of the candidate nominated, and must reach the Registrar NOT LATER THAN 4 P.M. ON TUESDAY, THE 15TH JUNE, 1948. No person shall be nominated as a candidate for election unless he signifies his consent on the nomination paper.

4. The Vice-Chancellor has fixed 11 a.m. on Wednesday, the 16th June, 1948, for the scrutiny of nominations in the University Office. Candidates or their agents duly authorized by them in writing in this behalf will be entitled to be present at such scrutiny.

5. Printed forms of nomination will be supplied to any elector on application to the Registrar.

6. Copies of the roll published in 1946 can be purchased at the office of the University Registrar at Rs. 8 per copy, and of Supplements Nos. 1 and 2, published respectively in 1947 and 1948, at Re. 1 each per copy, POSTAGE EXTRA.

7. In the event of the election being contested, voting papers will be forwarded to the electors at least fifteen clear days before the date of election. Voting shall be by post according to the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, and full directions as regards the manner of voting and attestation will be given on the voting paper.

8. In accordance with the provisions of Statute 140A (quoted below), every candidate in an election to the Senate by the constituency of Registered Graduates has to deposit, before nomination, with the University Registrar the sum of Rs. 250 in cash or in Government Promissory Notes of equal value at the market rate of the day; the candidate shall not be deemed to be duly nominated unless the said deposit has been made.

"S. 140A. (1) Every candidate in an election to the Senate by the constituency of Registered Graduates shall, before nomination, deposit with the Registrar the sum of Rs. 250 in cash or in Government Promissory Notes of equal value at the market rate of the day; the candidate shall not be deemed to be duly nominated unless the said deposit has been made.

(2) The said deposit shall be forfeited to the University if the candidate is not elected and the number of votes credited to him at the last count before he is excluded or before the last of the successful candidates is elected is less than one-eighth of the quota.

(3) The said deposit shall be returned---

(a) if the candidate is elected; or

(b) if he duly withdraws his candidature; or

(c) if his nomination is declared invalid; or

(d) if he dies before the date fixed for the scrutiny of votes; or

(e) if the candidate is not elected and the deposit has not been forfeited under clause (2) hereof."

By order,
S. R. DONGERKERY,
University Registrar.

Bombay, 18th May, 1948. (8621)

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

We have pleasure in announcing that a new Branch of this Bank will be opened on 1st June 1948 at:-

COTTON EXCHANGE BUILDINGS
Old Hall Street,
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(8633) England.

NOTICE

OWING to the integration of all Kathiawar Railways into Saurashtra Railway, all the Stores Departments in the Kathiawar Railways have merged and placed under the control of "Controller of Stores, Saurashtra Railway, Bhavnagar Para". All correspondence should hence-forward be addressed to him. 8611

THE BARSI LIGHT RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED.

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APPLICATIONS are invited for the post of a temporary Assistant Draftsman (Civil) with prospect of being permanent, in the grade Rs. 60-4-120 E. B.-5-150 plus dearness allowance as per rules. Starting salary in the above grade will be according to abilities. Applicant should preferably be a matriculate and must have at least five years drawing office experience as a draftsman and estimator. Applications stating age, qualifications and enclosing testimonials should reach the undersigned by the 10th of June 1948.

AGENTS & GENERAL MANAGER
Barsi Light Railway Co., Ltd.,
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8629

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DISPOSALS.

APPOINTMENT OF AUCTIONEERS.

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF DISPOSALS invites tenders for the appointment of auctioneers to conduct auction sales of Surplus and Salvage stores belonging to Government all over India on Regionwise basis for a period of eight months from 1-7-1948 to 28-2-1949. Names of Regions and the areas covered are shown below:—

1. Regional Commissioner, Calcutta.	Western Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, Assam and Eastern States.
2. Regional Commissioner, Bombay.	Bombay Presidency, Hyderabad State, Deccan States, Gujrat States and States of Western India.
3. Regional Commissioner, Madras.	Madras Presidency, Madras States, Mysore, Coorg and Cochin.
4. Regional Commissioner, Kanpur.	Delhi Province, U.P., C.P. and Berar and Central India States, Eastern Punjab, Rajputana, and Eastern Punjab States.

Particulars of areas in each Region, in each of which a Panel of two or more auctioneers may operate and the conditions of contract are given in the Tender Form. The rate of commission payable to auctioneers will be as per Schedule I attached to the Tender Form.

Tender Forms may be obtained from the Offices of the Regional Commissioners of Disposals, Calcutta Bombay Kanpur Madras on payment in cash or by money order of Rs. 10/-/- per set (which is not refundable).

Tender Forms should be returned by the tenderers duly filled in and signed so as to reach the Regional Commissioner of Disposals concerned by 4 P.M. on 5-6-48 in sealed covers superscribed "Tender for Auctioneering Contracts".

Issued by
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF DISPOSALS,
NEW DELHI.
(8628)

NOTICE.

THE APOLLO MILLS, LIMITED.

APPLICATION has been received by the Directors of this Company from Messrs. Desai & Co., Solicitors, Bombay on behalf of their client Mr. Kanchanlal Vithaldas of Poona requesting the Company to issue duplicate share certificate for 100 shares Nos. 1228601|700 standing in the name of deceased Shah Maganlal Parmanandas upon the statement that the original certificate has been lost. And notice is hereby given that if within 30 days from the date hereof no claim or representation in respect of such original certificate is made to the said Directors at the Registered Office of the Company situated at Delisle Road, Chinckpokli, Bombay 11, they will then proceed to deal with such application for issue of duplicate of the share certificate.

Bombay, Dated: 20th May, 1948.
J. C. PANDYA
Secretary.
(8630)

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL.

Irrigation & Waterways Directorate.

MOR RESERVOIR PROJECT.
TENDER NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS are hereby invited from reliable contractors for excavation, sheet piling and concreting in the foundation of Mor Barrage near Suri in Birbhum district estimated to cost Rs. EIGHT LAKHS (excluding cost of materials to be issued free) and will be received by the undersigned at his Office upto 1 P.M. of 30TH JUNE 1948.

The work will include approximately 50 lacs cft. of excavation, 10 lacs cft. of plain and reinforced concrete and one lac sft. of steel sheet piling. Sheet piles, coarse aggregate, reinforcement and cement will be issued free of cost and most of the tools and plant required will be lent on hire.

Contract documents and other details may be inspected in the office of the undersigned or of the Executive Engineer, Mor Construction Division No. III, Suri, P.O. Suri, District Birbhum and had on payment of Rs. 20|- in cash or by Money Order.

I. B. DE.
Superintending Engineer,
Mor Canal Circle,
Anderson House, Alipore,
Calcutta.
(8622)

BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

No. 18927|151 — In supersession of the order dated the 31st May 1943, issued by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, requiring intending omnibus passengers to form queues which was last renewed for a period of six months on the 19th May 1945, it is hereby ordered that intending omnibus passengers waiting at bus stops for omnibuses shall form queues on the pavement parallel to the kerb or parallel to the edge of the roadway where no pavement exists and that no intending omnibus passenger shall enter any omnibus until passengers who wish to alight have done so, and then only in strict rotation in accordance with his position in the queue.

This order is made under section 23(1)(d) of the City of Bombay Police Act, IV of 1902 and shall remain in force for a period of six months from the date hereof.

Head Police Office,
Bombay 19th Nov. 1945.

H. E. BUTLER
Commissioner of Police

NOTE:—The above order which was extended by my orders dated the 1st May, 8th November 1946 and 8th May, 1947, 18th Nov. 1947 upto and including the 18th May, 1948 is hereby further extended under the provisions of section 23(1)(d) of the City of Bombay Police Act, IV of 1902, for a further period of six months from the 19th May, 1948.

J. S. BHARUCHA
Commissioner of Police,
Bombay.

Head Police Office.
Bombay, 17th May 1948.
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BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

No. 10492/151—With reference to his Notification No. 27155/151, dated the 7th November, 1947, and in exercise of the powers conferred on him by clauses (c) of sub-section (1) of section 22 of the City of Bombay Police Act, 1902, the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, hereby amends rules 6-A (i) (a), (b), (c), (d) and (ii) (a), (b) and (iii) as under and also makes the following new rules:—

"6-A. No person shall allow any vehicle of which he is in charge to stand or halt, except for the immediate purpose of picking up or setting down passengers on the following roads between the following specified times:—

(i) Between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.--

(a) on the south side of Sandhurst Road from its junction with Girgaum Road, to its junction with Lamington Road.

(b) on the east side of Lamington Road from its junction with Sandhurst Road to its junction with New Queen's Road.

(c) on the east side of New Queen's Road from its junction with Lamington Road to its junction with Queen's Road.

(d) on the east side of Queen's Road from its junction with New Queen's Road to its junction with Marine 1st Street, except the parking bay opposite Charni Road Railway Station.

(ii) Between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.—

(a) on the west side of Queen's Road from its junction with Marine 1st Street to its junction with New Queen's Road.

(b) on the west side of New Queen's Road.

(iii) On Queen's Road from its junction with 1st Marine Street to its junction with Churchgate Street, on east side between 9 a.m. and 11-30 a.m. and on the west side between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

2. No person shall allow any vehicle of which he is in charge to stand or halt on the west side of Benham Hall Lane, except for the immediate purpose of picking up or setting down passengers.

3. Champa Gully from its junction with Vithalwadi to its junction with Sk. Memon Street shall be closed to east bound vehicular traffic, i.e., no entry from Vithalwadi.

4. No person shall allow any goods vehicles of which he is in charge to stand or halt on either side of Mohamedali Road from its junction with Carnac Road to its junction with Masjid Bunder Road between 8 a.m. and 12 noon and 4 p.m. and 9 p.m.

J. S. BHARUCHA,
Commissioner of Police.

Head Police Office:
Bombay, 19th April 1948.
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NOTICE

In the matter of the INDIAN COMPANIES ACT, 1913.

And

In the matter of JAMES NORMAN LTD., (In voluntary liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Messrs. James Norman Ltd., (In voluntary liquidation) will be held at the office of Messrs. Pereira Fazalbhoy & Co. Solicitors, Esplanade Road, within the Fort of Bombay on Wednesday the 30th day of June 1948 at 4 P.M. for the purposes of laying before it the Liquidator's report and account of the winding up of the Company, giving explanations thereof, if any, and passing the same.

Dated this 19th day of May 1948.
M. H. A. FAZALBHOY
Liquidator.

C/o M/s Pereira Fazalbhoy & Co.,
Fazalbhoy Building,
45/47, Esplanade Road.
(8627)

G.I.P. RAILWAY—TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites tenders for Reconditioning of White Metal Scrap No. 4 oval shape ingots. Forms obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay, No. 13, at Rs. 2|- per copy, not refundable. Money Order or Cash only. Closing date 7-6-1948 at 3 p.m. (S.T.). 8620

PUBLIC NOTICES

DELHI MUNICIPALITY

WANTED

(1) An Assistant Water Distribution Officer in the grade of 200--10-300 (excluding dearness, house rent, city allowance etc.) The applicant should possess a degree or diploma from a recognized institution with practical experience of atleast 5 years of maintenance of water distribution mains, repairing of water-meters etc. in a 1st Class Municipality or a Municipal Corporation.

(2) One water Inspector in the grade of 80-5-160 excluding allowances. The applicant should possess practical experience of maintenance of water distribution mains, repairing of water meters etc. for at least 5 years. Last date for receiving applications is 1-6-1948.

Sd/- J. N DAS GUPTA.
Municipal Engineer.
8618.

CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PRESS NOTICE

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, Fertilizer Factory Division No. 1, Sindri, P.O.—Patharaihi, District—Manbhum invites tenders from the registered contractors of the C.P W.D. for Addition to Mtce. workshop—Provdg. Tools room and Instrument shop etc. in the Hamilton Hangar, Fertilizer Factory at Sindri, costing approximately Rs. 11758 by 12 Noon of 29th May, 1948.

Tender papers condition etc., can be had from the office of the undersigned on payment of Rs. 5/- not refundable.

Earnest money required for the work is Rs. 588/- in currency notes or through Bank Draft on the Imperial Bank of India, Dhanbad.

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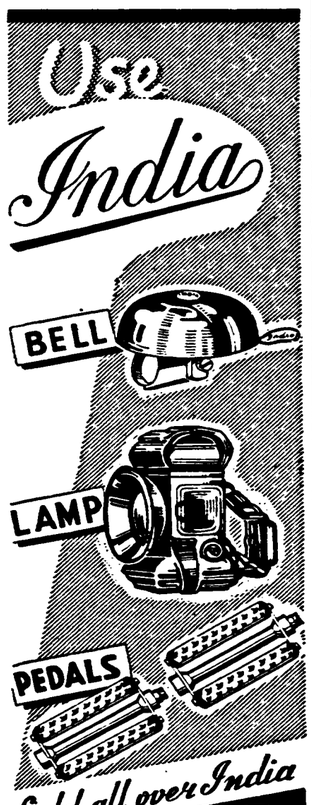

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